



WORDS TRADED—Margaret Rowe, Miss England in the Miss Universe contest next week at Long Beach, displays some of her qualifications for the beauty title. Margaret now declares that she did not tell Los Angeles newsmen that she thought British girls are "insipid." Stories that she did say, that created a minor tempest.

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British Beauty Denies She Called English Girls Insipid

LONG BEACH, July 15. — (AP)—Miss England, a strikingly well developed brunette who caused a controversy before leaving London, was in the headlines today.

A local newspaper quoted the British Miss Universe entrant as saying most English girls are "insipid" by comparison with continental European beauties.

Shown the story, 19 year old Margaret Rowe appeared ready to burst into tears.

The newspaper, she said, had "The newspaperman asked if I thought English girls are insipid," she told newsmen. "I replied 'no.' How can you get 'yes' out of 'no'?"

"I said English girls are very good looking. I'm proud to represent England. It doesn't make sense that I should knock the girls in my native country. After all, I'm a Cockney by birth."

(A Cockney is a person born within the sounds of the bells of Bow Church in London's East End.)

Miss Rowe, whose figure resembles Marilyn Monroe's, said she never knew her selection as Miss England last month had caused a controversy.

"I didn't know I was controversial until I arrived here," she said. "There are lots of voluptuous English girls like me. I don't know where you Americans got the idea that English girls are all straight up and down."

At the time of her selection, there had been some comment in the English press that Miss Rowe was not typical of English beauties.

"I know I'm not typical looking," she said, "but the judges told me they selected me because I had dimensions like Jane Russell and they said that's what it took to win."

Registration of the entrants was complete with the exception of Miss Mexico, who next to Miss California, had the shortest distance to travel. She is Miss Yolanda Mayen of Tijuana, only 125 miles south of here in Baja California.

The preliminary judging is next Tuesday.