

Critics of U.S. soldiers

Mr Kendall, M.P. for Grantham, issued a statement on Saturday following a private conference of leaders of religious denominations and citizens in the town, at which he read a long list of specific cases, all signed, on the behaviour of U.S. troops.

He stated that the conference unanimously resolved to express gratitude to Mr. Kendall for raising the question to notify the Home Secretary that in the opinion of the meeting the state of affairs in Grantham and other towns is deplorable, and to request the Home Secretary to take immediate steps to deal with the matter.

The resolution was proposed by Councillor C. S. Satterley, ex-H.M. Inspector of Schools, and seconded by Sir William Bradshaw, President of the Co-operative Wholesale Society and a member of Grantham Town Council. It bears the signatures of 25 people.

A report of the inquiry and the resolution has been forwarded to Mr Morrison (Home Secretary).

Last weekend it was announced that the Chief Constable had categorically stated that he was "entirely satisfied with the conduct of the American troops."

When Mr Kendall said in Parliament that it was "unfit for a woman to walk unescorted through the town at night or in the daytime," Mr Morrison replied that the question gave neither a fair nor accurate picture of the position.

The question of American troops and women in Kettering (Northants) is raised by the Rev J. O. Barrett pastor of Fuller Baptist Church in his church magazine.

He writes: "it is not only Americans who accost girls and women in Kettering and elsewhere. It is also unfortunately true that girls and women sometimes take their share in accosting."