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G.I. BRIDES - THE TRUTH

These headlines in the "Daily Mail" of January 7th began this story. They told of deserted British G.I. brides living in squalor at New York's Aberdeen Hotel. So serious were these charges, that we instructed our New York reporters to investigate them. They began at the Aberdeen Hotel. First speaker - a deserted wife - is Mrs. Kathleen Wood, formerly of Gordon Avenue, Winchester.

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Mrs. Wood's name had been quoted in the British press. Our next call therefore, was at the source of the brides story. There, a Pathe reporter interviewed the Daily Mail's American chief, Don Idden.

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Meantime from British war brides in every part of America protests poured in. One who demanded a hearing was Mrs. Joyce Clarke of Long Island, formerly of Ilford.

SPEECH

At Tudor Towers, way up on the 18th floor, we met Mrs. Ellen Teuney, who came from Neasden, London.

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Other British girls joined the protest. To speak up for this group was Mrs. Margaret Byrne of London.

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And from Acton, London, Mrs. Barbara de Cristofere.

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When the brides arrived everyone was happy. Now, ill-founded stories can cause more bad feeling than if Harry Truman publicly insulted Clement Attlee. American feels strongly about this. So do we.