



JUST AFTER THE SURRENDER A TERRIFIED JEWISH GIRL FLEES DOWN A BURNING STREET

# ARABS SACK THE HOLY CITY

**Abdullah's conquering Legion tries to keep order but fails**

In ancient days when Jerusalem fell to a new conqueror, the Holy City was almost invariably burned and looted. On May 28, just as the soldiers of Nebuchadrezzar, the Romans, Crusaders and Persians had done before them, the victorious Arabs carried on the sorrowful tradition. King Abdullah's surrender terms were magnanimous and his Arab Legion well disciplined, but neither their magnanimity nor discipline could save the old Jewish Quarter from its fate. Swarms of Palestinian irregulars and hangers-on burst in and reduced it to smoking ruin soon after the beaten Jews gave in. Self-important Moslem censors, not only in Palestine but in neighboring Arab countries which have major communications outlets, tried for a fortnight to keep the news from leaking out. But last week these uncensored pictures by LIFE's Photographer John Phillips reached New York and told the story.

There was terror in the old city and a frantic rush to grab prized possessions as women, children and the aged were herded across the lines. Then, with all the pomp of earlier conquerors, King Abdullah made his triumphal tour. By the time the cheering of the Arabs died down, the U.N. had finally contrived a four-week truce—but it rested uneasily on a land seething with bitterness.



**ABDULLAH IN HIS TRIUMPH** parades in white robes at the Dome of the Rock, sacred to Moslems as the spot whence Mohammed ascended to heaven. Around him are his bodyguards and Arab Legionnaires. Some of his officers