

that will spread until all nations are involved in World War III.

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ISRAELI WOMEN SOLDIERS: At the military review held at Haifa on Israel's Independence Day (celebrating in 1956 the eighth anniversary of the birth of the Israeli state), women soldiers marched in the parade, carrying Unzi submachine guns, which are now the standard personnel weapon in the Israeli army. Subsequently, photographs were released to the world's press, showing Jewish girls in their teens undergoing compulsory military training and completing an assault course of a type normally reserved for tough commando units. Other pictures released portrayed little girls from the age of twelve being drilled in military formation in the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Is this the kind of thing that the land of Palestine was meant to see? World opinion is more likely to recoil from the prospect of such scenes being enacted in the Holy Land than feel roused to admiration. In the eyes of all who truly venerate the land of Israel, the Holy Land remains in their estimation a Glorious Land, the "joy of the whole earth." Such scenes are making the Holy Land unholy. What must such desecration seem in the eyes of God, of whose loving care for the land the following pregnant words are written: "A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year" (Deut. 11: 12). In the light of this pronouncement, those who are responsible for this desecration are not to be envied, nor is their fate likely to be a cause for wonder when it falls upon them, as it surely will, during the coming Year of Recompense for the Controversy of Zion.

The Haifa military parade took place "along a route lined with scores of Israeli flags," as The Sphere shows clearly in its de luxe quality photographs of this occasion. These flags were emblazoned with the Shield of David against a background of blue and white stripes. What is this? It is not the heraldry of Judah. Everyone recognizes the Shield of David as the symbol adopted by World Jewry everywhere as their distinctive heraldic emblem. By contrast, the heraldry of Judah is a lion; the lion of the tribe of Judah.

Up to the year 1948 when the Mandate was suspended, the heraldry of Judah and Israel (i.e., the Lion and Unicorn) was boldly displayed over the entrance to the residence of the High Commissioner, who represented the sovereignty of the British Throne or Crown in its functional capacity as the modern representation of the Throne of David. Today the Royal Arms have been taken down and the residence is occupied by the UN Truce Commission as their headquarters. For those who know the Scriptures, and believe all that the prophets have spoken, this is a sign sufficiently significant to show that the present occupation of the land by those who have usurped the role of "all the House of Israel wholly" (Ez. 11: 15), is a transitory phenomenon only and not one destined to endure for more than a strictly limited period of duration.

RETURN TO ZION: The return to Zion, as envisaged in the prophecies of Holy Writ, differs obviously in nature from the materialistic activities characterizing the Zionist experiment which has been striving to flourish since the advent of the Israeli state. Indeed, such are the actualities of the case that existing conditions themselves suffice to refute the claims of those who pretend to see in Zionist