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## OFFER OF JEWISH MILITARY FORCE

### WISH TO BE PART OF BRITISH ARMY

Some misapprehensions concerning the Jewish offer to raise a military force for service with the British Army were corrected by Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, in reply to questions at a press conference last week.

Mr. Shertok said that the answer given by Mr. Anthony Eden in Parliament on May 23 to a question by Colonel Wedgwood had perhaps produced a wrong impression. It was true, as the Secretary for War stated, that the Jewish Agency had not offered to raise a mechanized formation at its own expense; but they did propose military units, and of this the Government was aware.

They also had not intended that the Jewish unit should be separate, but that it form an integral part of the British Army, like the Jewish Battalions in the last War, which were part of the Royal Fusiliers.

#### CERTIFICATES FOR REFUGEES

Answering questions about the new immigration quota for June and July announced yesterday, Mr. Sher-

tok said that the additional 300 certificates for labour immigrants had been distributed among refugees, down to the last permit. The Jewish Agency had pressed the Government for some time to increase this category, which had previously been fixed at 200 for the six months.

As a result of the increase, the Agency had been able to remove nearly all the refugees at Trieste and also to do something to relieve the congestion at other refugee centres.

He added that wives and children of principal immigrants now in Palestine, or for whom certificates were now being made available, who happened to find themselves in enemy-occupied territory, would be allowed to enter the country. Dependents under 18 and over 60 years of age would be similarly treated even if in enemy territory.

Mr. Shertok also stated that the Jewish Agency had made representations to the Government against the deprivation of Palestinian citizenship of Mr. Eri Jabotinsky.

Mr. Jabotinsky Junior, had recently been charged with assisting illegal immigration.