

## PIONEER WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

### Statue Unveiled And Flying Base Opened

The unveiling of the statue to pioneer women in the Garden of Remembrance near the Parade Ground on Saturday afternoon, and the opening, in a dual ceremony at Adelaide and Alice Springs of the flying doctor base at the Central Australian town attracted a large crowd. The surroundings of the garden were made colorful by the presence of V.A.D.'s, V.S.D.'s, and many members of other women's organisations.

Lady Muriel Barclay-Harvey unveiled Miss Ola Cohn's statue after the opening of the flying doctor base. A photograph appears in the supplement.

Speaking from Alice Springs at the opening of the flying doctor base, Dr. George Simpson, who represented the Federal council of Australian Aerial Medical Services, said that now medical help could be given when the cry was heard.

The Chairman of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Trust (Miss Adelaide Miethke) handed over the title of the new £5,000 base at Alice Springs to the president of the Australian Aerial Medical Services (Mr. N. H. Taylor).

Miss Miethke said the new base would be a wireless centre of the whole transceiver system, and was the latest addition to bases at Cloncurry, Wyndham, Port Hedland, Kalgoorlie, and Broken Hill.

In accepting the base, Mr. Taylor said pedal transceivers, with a range of 500 miles, were able to cover with a mantle of safety approximately two million square miles of the least populated part of Australia.

The base was opened by the Chief Secretary (Mr. McEwin) in the absence of the Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey) through illness.

The State Government, he said, gave a £1,000 grant yearly for the maintenance of the services.

Dr. Simpson, whose speech at Alice Springs was broadcast at the Garden of Remembrance, referred to the pioneering work of the Rev. John Flynn, and said it was a wonderful achievement that such a plan for out-back medical aid should be conceived, developed, and established during the lifetime of its originator.

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The wording on the plaque at Alice Springs is:—"This flying doctor base was established in 1939 by the women of South Australia as a memorial to the pioneer women of the State's first century—1836-1936."