

CURTIN MEMORIAL OPENING MAY DAY RALLY HIGHLIGHT

The John Curtin memorial fountain in Sturt Park was officially unveiled and the rose garden opened by the Deputy Mayor (Ald. G. Ryan), during the May Day rally yesterday afternoon.

In an address before the unveiling, the President of the Women's ALP (Mrs. Nydia Edes) said the memorial commemorated Australia's wartime Prime Minister, a great statesman, and a friend of the people.

The key to the late Mr. Curtin's character was his simplicity, gentleness, and strength, she said in a tribute.

His high sense of duty was combined with courage, and a love of his country and humanity.

John Curtin represented so much for what Labor really stood for. He had applied his talents unsparringly in service to his country.

He was a man who had risen without favor and patronage to the Prime Ministership, and an assured place in our history.

Mrs. Edes said that, when the late leader had an hour away from duty, he liked to spend it in his garden. He had a great love of flowers and it was fitting that a rose garden should commemorate him.

City Council had done a magnificent job in establishing the memorial, and had also installed the fountain.

In its establishment, the garden had been menaced by vandalism, but she hoped that now, it was completed, it would be created with respect.

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MARCH

Unionists carrying banners and slogans, and decorated floats, took part in the procession through city streets prior to the rally.

It was led by the Police Boys Club Band, augmented by members of the BIU Band, while the Cameron Pipe Band took up the rear.

Some of the slogans carried were "Long Live Eureka," "Hands Off Indo-China," "Defeat Menzies," and "Grants Not Loans."

INTERESTING

Most interesting display was entered by the WIU of A, which showed the method of bringing up an injured man from underground, with the special anti-shock stretcher used for taking an injured man to hospital in an ambulance.

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EUREKA STOCKADE

The BIC's display, taking the form of a large placard, commemorated the Eureka Stockade 100 years ago.

On it were these words:

"The most precious possession is life, and, since it is given to man to live but once, he must so live as to feel no torturing regrets for years without purpose; so live as not to be seared with the shame of a cowardly and trivial past; so live that, dying, he can say:

'All my life and all my strength were given to the finest cause in the world—the liberation of mankind.'"

A Shearers' display skitted the Arbitration Court, and slogans on the sides urged revision of arbitration and the end of the wage peg.

PRIZES

Prizes were allotted as follows:—

Best slogan: ALP.
Best decorated vehicle: Peace Council.

Best club display: Police Boys Club.

Best Trade Union display: WIU of A.

Most humorous: Shearers.

Most original: BIC.

Best boy's display: Davis Elston.

Best girl's gram: Colleen Elston.

Special prize for a decorated bicycle: Susan Gray.

RESOLUTIONS

During the rally in Sturt Park the following international resolutions were carried by acclamation:

"On this May Day, 1954, we, the workers of Broken Hill, send fraternal greetings to workers throughout the world.

"We call upon them to urge their respective Gov-

ernments to end world tension by negotiation, and the banning of all horror weapons, Atom and Hydrogen bombs, gas or germ warfare, etc., realising that their use must eventually lead to total annihilation of humanity.

"May the useful people of the world come to an international understanding whereby atomic power will be used for construction and not destruction."

The second resolution put to the rally was:

"On this May Day of 1954, we, the workers of Broken Hill, appeal to all workers in Australia to carry on the fine traditions of solidarity and determination to protect their human rights as did the defenders at Eureka 100 years ago.

"Long live the spirit of Eureka by the defeat of the Menzies Government."

SPEAKERS

President of the BIC (Mr. A. Kersten) chaired proceedings.

Visiting speakers were the Minister for Mines (Mr. P.

J. Buckley), who will shortly take on the post of Agent-General for NSW in London; Mr. George Neilly, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, and Mr. N. P. Considine, one-time secretary in Broken Hill of the AMA, predecessor union of the WIU of A, and who was later elected to Federal Parliament for this division.

Local speakers were the Deputy Mayor (Ald. G. Ryan), Mr. Kersten, Mr. H. Williams (Peace Council), Mr. W. S. O'Neil (BIC) and Mr. A. C. Crowhurst (BDAALP).