

MEMORABLE CEREMONY!

2000 "KIDS" TAKE PART

THERE are certain occasions that carry a special quality; that embed themselves so in memory, that one knows one will recall them for all time. Such an occasion was the "Kids" sod-turning ceremony at Oakleigh Swimming Pool last Saturday.

To be able to reflect in the years to come — I WAS THERE will instantly conjure up the scene of a miraculous first day of June — despite lowering clouds and drizzly rain — of 2,000 happy excited splendid "kids" a prideful glint in their eyes, each with spade at the ready waiting for the signal, DIG.

THE DAY

There never was quite such a day in Oakleigh and there possibly never will be again. For here at last was THE DAY for which so many had waited and worked for, for so long.

THE CHIEF

Line'd up by their chief Mervyn McKay, we call him that rather than vice-president of the Swimming Pool Association which is far too cold, too impersonal a term we feel for a man with Mervyn McKay's outstanding qualities of leadership,

powers of organisation and understanding of young minds.

Moreover, we must emphasize when we say June 1, was the "kids" day, that includes Mervyn Me-

Kay, too, for he and the kids are one: they have indeed, set an example of what can be achieved by a union and fusion of effort, which in the annals of municipal history will stand for all time.

Ready, steady... GO...



● HERE ARE some of the 2,000 youngsters armed with their spades all set for OPERATION DIG.

SUCCESS

It has been concerted action all the time — the success of the 63 street clubs are proof of that.

And it was in concerted action again that the "kids" marched to the site to be dug.

There they stood until at a given signal from David Allen and Ian Bradford, that meant DIG and dig they did.

No ground has ever been dug quite so enthusiastically nor so joyously as this. For this wasn't just Oakleigh's Swimming Pool, it was THEIR'S.

SPEAKERS

They excelled themselves as indeed, did everyone associated with the ceremony. Never have speakers spoken so well, so eloquently nor with quite such sincerity and depth of feeling as did the Mayor of Oakleigh, Cr. A. P. Donnelly, the president of the Swimming Pool Association, Mr. V. Doube, M.L.A., who has been one of the stalwarts behind the project from its inception, Cr. Hunt who was Mayor of Oakleigh during the two years' campaign.

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