



PRIME MINISTER OPENS MILITARY CHURCH AT ROBERTS HEIGHTS

In the presence of a distinguished gathering, including members of the Cabinet and high officers of the Department of Defence, General J. B. M. Hertzog yesterday officially opened the new church for Afrikaans denominations at Roberts Heights. The photograph shows the Prime Minister addressing the audience, and on his right, Major A. G. O. Coertse, senior chaplain of the forces. Among others present were Senator C. F. Clarkson, Mr. H. A. Fagan, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, General J. C. G. Kemp, Brigadier-General H. S. Wakefield, Acting Chief of General Staff, General George Brink, Acting Deputy Chief of General Staff, and General A. J. E. Brink, Chief of the Burger Commandos.

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FIRST BUILT BY  
STATE

FOR MEMBERS OF  
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A hundred years after the Voortrekkers held their first "nagmaal" in the Transvaal, which took place on October 26, 1838, the first church to be built by the State was opened at Roberts Heights yesterday by the Prime Minister, General Hertzog.

The church, which has been placed at the disposal of the three Dutch Reformed Churches, was designed by Mr. Gerard Moerdyk and erected opposite the Military College.

The opening ceremony was attended by high military authorities, including General H. S. Wakefield, General A. E. J. Brink, Dr. Broekma, Secretary for Defence, General J. C. G. Kemp, Acting Minister of Defence, and by Senator Clarkson, Minister of Public Works, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, Minister of Labour, Mr. H. A. Fagan, Minister of Native Affairs, Jonkheer W. van Lennep, Minister Plenipotentiary for the Netherlands, and Dr. Star-Busmann, secretary of the Netherlands Legation, the Rev. Wm. Nicol, Moderator of the Church, and representatives of sister churches.

The Prime Minister, in handing over the building to the Church authorities, said he did so in the absence of the Minister of Defence, Mr. O. Pirow.

"I am fully confident that this building will be an inspiration and that it will serve as a means to the ennoblement of young South Africa, rendering service in the uplifting of our nation," he said.