

Holland Church Fund

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao. — The Most Rev. Mons. P. I. Verriest, Bishop of Curacao, has announced the formation of a fund for rebuilding Catholic churches and charitable institutions in Holland after the

destruction of the Netherlands Indies. Mons. Aguirre reports that Father A. Hooft is pastor of the church. P. H. Spronck, President of the Curacao Legislative Assembly, is its president, and Dr. Henri Hoogstraaten, Curacao Finance Minister, is Treasurer.

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Stephen F. Cushing

War Bond Drive Role Of K. of C. To Be Planned in Elmira

NEW YORK.—War activities will have a leading part in the sessions of the 40th annual New York State Council, Knights of Columbus convention opening Friday, in Elmira, State Deputy Stephen J. Cushing announced early this week. The Councils of the State will participate in the Fifth War Loan Drive, he stated.

Gratified at the success of the state membership effort, State Deputy Cushing announced that the New York State Council has made its membership quota for the year as of May 12.

Eight Catholic College Scholarships will be awarded at the convention as a result of competitive examinations held at various centers throughout the state on May 6.

The Hospital Association of the State K. of C. at Gabriels has cared for more members of the order this year than for many years past, due principally, the State Deputy says, to the fact that Selective Service Board examinations revealed tubercular conditions in many men who did not know they were afflicted.

Plans have been completed for the convention by the Elmira council committee.

Formal opening of the convention is the Requiem Mass for knights who died in service, to be offered in the presence of Bishop Kearney on Friday morning at St. Patrick's Church at 10 A. M. by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis P. Connelly, state chaplain.

The Legend Of the Tear

A certain rich man, about to die, directed that all his possessions should be sold and the proceeds invested in one large diamond, which he could hide in the hollow of his hand, and thus carry his wealth to heaven. His treasurer took steps to fulfill the charge without delay.

Meanwhile the master fell into a deep sleep, and dreamed he stood before the gate of Paradise. But when he sought to enter, he found that he had lost his treasure somewhere on the way, and fell to lamenting.

Said an angel who drew near: "Why do you lament?"

"I have lost my diamond," answered the man.

"We should call that dream where we abide," replied the angel. "The memory of one kindly act on earth would avail you more here. And have you none?"

"Alas, I know of none."

"Not one?"

"I dried an orphan's tears one day," said the man hesitatingly.

"That tear is here," answered the angel, "aid up for you. Behold it!"

And as the astonished man gazed upon the tear, it shone so brightly and shed so gentle a light upon his soul that he wept with joy to think that he had lost his paltry diamond and found so great a treasure.

On awakening from sleep, he recalled his faithful steward, and directed him to distribute all his possessions among the poor and needy. And soon thereafter he died in great peace. The Liberator

Our government wants to borrow our dollars to win this war for us.

Advocates Only Way To Escape Enslavement

MILWAUKEE.—Warning that the only way man can escape enslavement is by clinging to the faith was given by the Rev. Fr. Rainbolt of New York City, speaking to the School Parents' Union of the Catholic Free Academy convention here. The school principal, delegates, students and faculty were present.

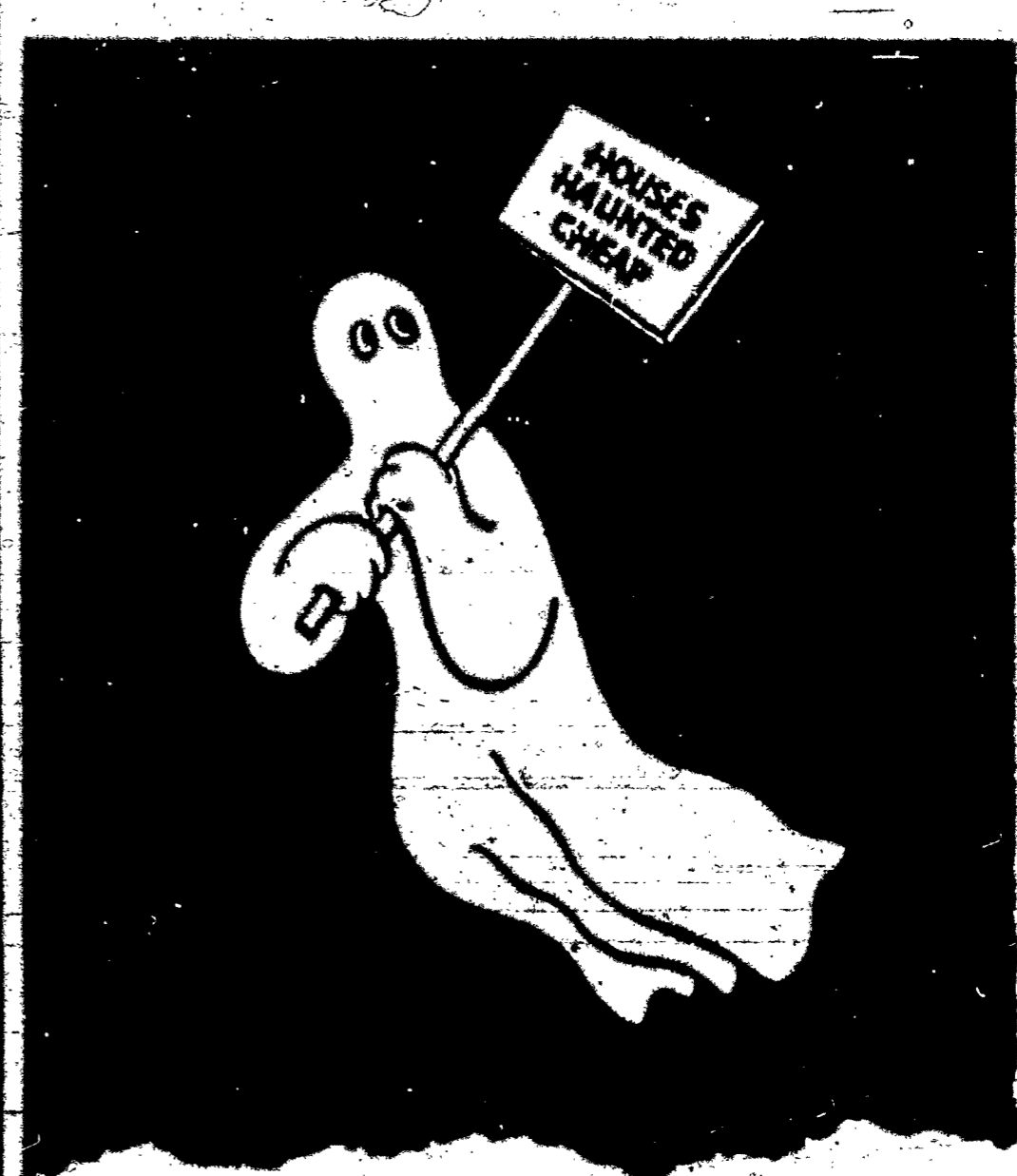
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Who's afraid of misty apparitions — with reassuring light always instantly at hand? And just as electricity has all but banished haunted houses, so it has laid the ghosts of many household jobs that once were done by hand.

Seriously, today's children have little chance to learn the fear of the dark that once oppressed their elders. They don't know how shivery blackness can be. They never fumbled blindly for a match or felt tremulous relief as the

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