

MISSION
UNSTOPPABLE

ACTS 1-6

The Church is Born



Saint Luke's
WIMBLEDON PARK

MISSION UNSTOPPABLE

The Author of Life

Acts 3



Saint Luke's
WIMBLEDON PARK



Rubens painting defaced

by a Staff Reporter

THE letters 'IRA' have been found scratched 2 ft high across the middle of one of the world's greatest paintings — Rubens's 'Adoration of the Magi' — in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. It may be worth £1 million or more.

The damage was discovered

accidentally by a tourist yesterday morning — shortly after police had been called in to investigate the theft of money from a medieval coffer where tourists place their offerings. The coffer, a massive oak chest, had been forced during the night. Police believe that the

thieves damaged the painting at the same time.

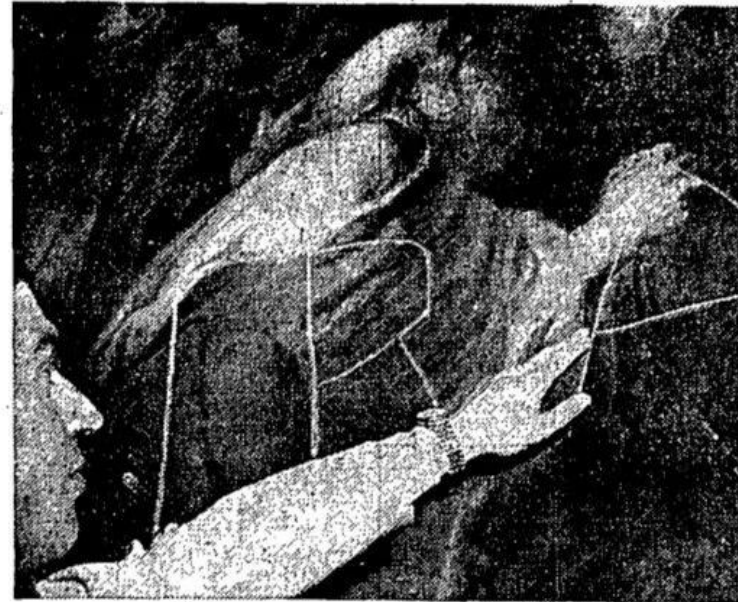
The painting was given to King's College in 1961 by Major Alfred Allnatt, who had bought it two years earlier for the then record sum in this country of £275,000. The massive picture was painted in oils on wood in 1634 by Rubens as an altarpiece for the Convent of the White Nuns at Louvain in Belgium.

Yesterday, the College's Estates Bursar, Mr Richard Arkwright, said: 'It is too early to say how badly the picture might be damaged but experts will examine it as soon as possible. Police are still trying to discover how the people responsible got into the chapel.'

Sir Geoffrey Agnew, a leading London art dealer, said last night that the seriousness of the damage would depend on whether the scratches had gone right through to the wood panel.

Sir Geoffrey, who said he had just missed acquiring the picture himself in an auction at Sotheby's in 1959, described the picture as 'one of the finest Rubens altarpieces and certainly one of the great Rubens in this country.'

Sir Thomas Monnington, president of the Royal Academy of Art, said last night: 'This is an act of murder. I only hope that when they get the painting to "hospital" they will find the wound is not serious.'



LOUIS GARNADEY

Rev. Michael Till, deacon of King's College, Cambridge, examines the defaced Rubens.

MISSION
UNSTOPPABLE

The Author of Life

Acts 3



Saint Luke's
WIMBLEDON PARK

See the Sign



See the Sign

See the Saviour

See the Saviour

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created... he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

See the Saviour

Seek Salvation

Seek Salvation



Seek Salvation



MISSION UNSTOPPABLE

The Author of Life

Acts 3



Saint Luke's
WIMBLEDON PARK

MISSION
UNSTOPPABLE

ACTS 1-6

The Church is Born



Saint Luke's
WIMBLEDON PARK