

Do You Know That —

- ▶ The Communist Party, USA, admits spending over three hundred thousand dollars on the Rosenberg case, principally on propaganda efforts. Contributions, “from the American people,” it is claimed, amounted to over two hundred thousand dollars.
- ▶ A physical clean up of the Department of Justice’s Criminal Division, ordered recently, uncovered 10,000 pieces of unanswered mail, dating as far back as 1928.
- ▶ Mentally ill patients in the United States occupy about half of all hospital beds and outnumber patients suffering from any other type of disease.
- ▶ Because of a ruling forbidding attachment of Federal employees’ salaries, it is estimated that 25,000 government workers have been evading full payment of their income tax by ignoring sums due over the amount deducted by payroll withholding procedures.
- ▶ A Senate subcommittee survey reveals that Soviet Russia now controls governments which encompass one quarter of the world’s area — thus controlling one third of the total world population, although total Communist Party membership is the merest fraction of this figure.
- ▶ New York State alone produces annually two and one-half times more canned goods than does all of Russia.
- ▶ Contracts awarded European manufacturers during fiscal 1953 for material and equipment to supply defense projects of NATO totaled over one and one-half billion dollars. Fifteen countries got contracts to produce aircraft, tanks, armament and the like.
- ▶ An official of the anti-Communist union which is in opposition to Harry Bridges’ union on the Pacific coast testified that the Communist Party has inspired successful large-scale sabotage of cargo shipping, principally in Los Angeles harbor.
- ▶ In his first six months in office, President Eisenhower appointed twenty-seven women to high policy posts in government.
- ▶ Although apparent results in epidemic areas this summer were heartening, health authorities are not convinced that anything has been established as to the effectiveness of gamma globulin as a polio preventive. Since the injections were given to all members of groups which might have been affected, this left no untreated “control” group. NORA DE TOLEDANO

Remembered Christmas

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MY MOST memorable Christmas has nothing to do with the usual sentimentalities. There was no gift of a long-wanted wrist watch, no joyous family gathering with sleigh bells in the snow and a fat Santa Claus with a pillow stomach to keep slipping as he handed out the presents, no great show of Yuletide spirit like taking baskets to the poor. It was — well, let us say, different. Yet after thirty years I can look upon it with a certain touching remembrance.



My father, a topographical engineer, had been sent to Texas to map a section near Austin. Although he had not planned for us to stay in the state's capital, we were marooned there because of the rains which had made the roads to Georgetown, the place he had selected for his headquarters, impassable. He kept hoping, though, that we would be in the smaller town for Christmas. But even if we were, it looked as if the holiday, which was only a week off, would be far below our expectations. With the confusion of unpacking and getting settled, there would not

be time to provide for the usual tree, candle decorations, and evergreen wreaths. Yet there were some comforting substitutes in one of the steamer trunks at the railroad station in Georgetown — a small

collapsible tree made of green paper, and a box of decorations: red and green balls, a gold star, silver tinsel to add glitter to the tree, and some pale plaster angels. But day after day the rains continued, saturating the earth and leaving the roads either filled with deep ruts or a bottomless mass of slimy mud.

We had already been in Austin three weeks waiting for the weather to break, and Mother and I were getting restless, even though we did have daily lessons so I wouldn't be too far behind when I was able to enter school again, my third for that year. I had started in Illinois, moved on to spend six weeks in a District of Columbia school, and now here we were in Texas.

We usually spent the mornings in study and went sight-seeing or shopping in the afternoon. But we had looked at every nook of the capitol