

G-Man Chief Tells Christmas Story Of Giving And Gratitude

(EDITORS NOTE: United Press International recently asked FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover to write a year-end report to the people on crime, especially juvenile delinquency. The No. 1 G-man responded with the following unusual Christmas story.)

Tale Between Cities
By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

WASHINGTON (UP) — Christmas stories traditionally include tinsel trees, plum pudding, holly and mistletoe. This story has none of those things, but it does have giving and gratitude and an ending that makes it, I think, a most satisfying story of that wonderful season when every member of every family longs to be at home.

This story began about 10 days before Christmas eight years ago. At Chambersburg, Pa., an FBI agent, on leave from our New York office, was asked to provide transportation to the next large city on his route for a youth who had been ill and who was hopeful of securing a job on his arrival in a distant city.

The agent willingly agreed to take the boy as far as Winchester, Va. Noting that his passenger appeared to be extremely young to be seeking a full-time job, the agent, genuinely interested, began drawing him out. Bit by bit the story developed.

The youth had left his New Jersey home, but his reasons for leaving proved to be very different from those of the usual run-away. A junior in high school, this boy had just come out of the hospital where he had been confined for a three-week period with a glandular ailment. His mother, a registered nurse by profession, was widowed, the father having died before the youth was born. The mother bore the burden of rearing the lad and his sister, and caring for her own aged mother as well. The sister had completed high school and secured a job. The youth felt that he also should seek a job and thereby ease his mother's heavy burden. So he had left his home.

Once he had learned the boy's story, the special agent sought to convince the youth that his action would in no sense ease the mother's problems, but would add to them, and that it would be much better for all concerned if he were to return to his home. The agent, meanwhile, had learned the boy had only 20 cents, and that he had spent the previous night in a Salvation Army barracks.

Using all his powers of persuasion, the young special agent at last succeeded in convincing the youth that he should go home. As soon as they arrived in Winchester, the agent purchased a bus ticket to the point nearest the boy's New Jersey home, gave the youngster \$5, wished him well and made him good-by.

AGREE TO DELAY
NEW YORK (UPI) — The federal government has agreed to a 30-day postponement of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's income tax evasion trial. Assistant U. S. Atty. Morton Robson accepted the plea of Powell's attorney that the defense case could not be prepared by Jan. 7, the day the trial is scheduled to start.

That is about the end of the story. The FBI agent drove to his home. He sent the boy a Christmas card and wrote a note to the mother indicating he was happy to have been able to help her son. He stated that the boy's attitude appeared to be commendable, and he expressed his hope that the youth had arrived home safely.

On his return to New York, the agent received a Christmas card. In it, the youth who had run away expressed his appreciation for what had been done for him. He would, the boy wrote, never forget the agent or ever regret returning home. The card was

followed by a telephone call from the youth's sister, expressing gratitude in behalf of her mother and herself. The young woman advised that her brother had reached home safely, had returned to school, and was doing well.

That is the end of a Christmas story of a few years ago — or perhaps it isn't, because an act of kindness may have wholly changed the course of a life. But aside from that, the story itself shines, as Shakespeare said, "in a naughty world." And the light from enough such candles can make a Christmas season throughout the whole year.



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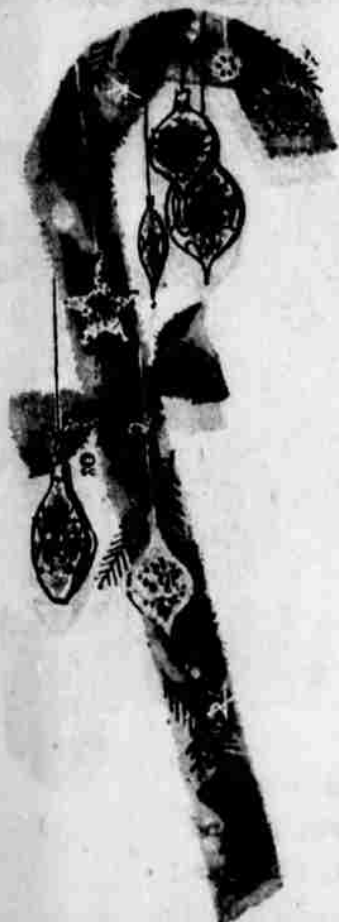
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