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SEASON GREETINGS Friends:

As I recall, last year I said I would be running for president of my union. I did, and I lost by 61 votes. Prior to the election, I became editor of the union newspaper. But...the new president, who I opposed, managed to get me thrown out as editor. So-o I retired from actively supporting the union, but am still a member.

In the meantime, Prop. 13 has cost me my wage increases, the work load ^{increase} for clerical employees especially (although I am a supervisor, I'm still considered a clerk) while more fat is added to the top and none trimmed. I could tell you stories. Prop. 13 was not the way to go, believe me. As a city employee we are being attacked from every conceivable angle (scapegoats). I spend most of my spare time defending and fighting to keep what we have.

I'm now busy in my community group fighting rent gougers, etc. And I'm still with my women's group.

On top of all that I spent four months painting the interior of one of my flats that I own. It is now finished and I'm putting new rugs throughout. I just got some new tenants who have helped me finish the paint job.

I sold my house in Mexico, finally. I figure I lost on that deal but not too badly. Glad to get out of it, although I would have liked to keep the house if it would have paid for itself. It was too difficult to rent as realtors in Mexico are not interested in renting property but selling.

I did some TV messages this year as well as a couple of radio shows. I wrote for a boating magazine along with all my other writing assignments, and I gave talks to community and college groups about unions mostly.

Just now taking my vacation December 24 and will spend it in Montreal with friends.

Taking a management course given by my department but am trying to figure a way out of working for the city. It's getting to be a rough place to work and things are going to get worse. I was thinking of getting into the printing business. All you need is one of those fancy machines and your a printer. I also know how to do newspaper makeup (layout). I even gave a class in it once.

I'm sure no matter what that my life will always be exciting and challenging as I'm into everything. So much so that I'm having a time getting my Xmas cards out.

Hope all of you are well and if not growing prosperous, keeping ahead in our inflation ridden world.

*Love to all
D. Davis*

P.S. I knew both Milk and Moscone personally from my political and union activities. I must say it was far more devastating for me than the Guyana affair. I was part of the 30,000 in the candlelite march. It was very impressive as was the city hall services for both men two days later. Milk was a real friend to the working people. Moscone was wishy-washy. But both were really great people to know.