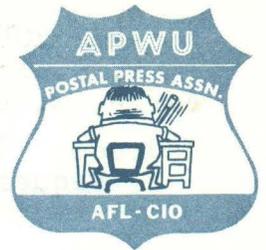




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STATE OF THE LOCAL

by Bill Cardwell, President

It looks like we have found a home for everyone in spite of the implementation of the new staffing and the switch-over from the Central Mark-up to our new Central Forwarding System. It now looks like all regular employees that were affected by the changes will be able to stay on their respective tours with the exception of some having to bid different days off. Overall, I think we came out of this pretty good from what management had originally planned. The outlook over these past months was quite grim, but the uninvited situations have, after many many meetings, jelled to a satisfactory and workable solution.

I would like to suggest to all members to read the APWU News Service bulletins and keep yourselves up to date on major items which affect us and our jobs. Right now, of great interest to us is the implementation of the nine-digit zip code operation, the progress of electronic telecommunication, and other such job reducing automation. Those that are considering retirement in the near future will find very pertinent information in these bulletins.

Further, and without any doubt, we'll all want to keep abreast of negotiations on the new national contract. Anti-labor policies of the present Post Office administration have presented the newly elected officers with a challenge that they are ready to take up on our behalf. Let's back 'em!

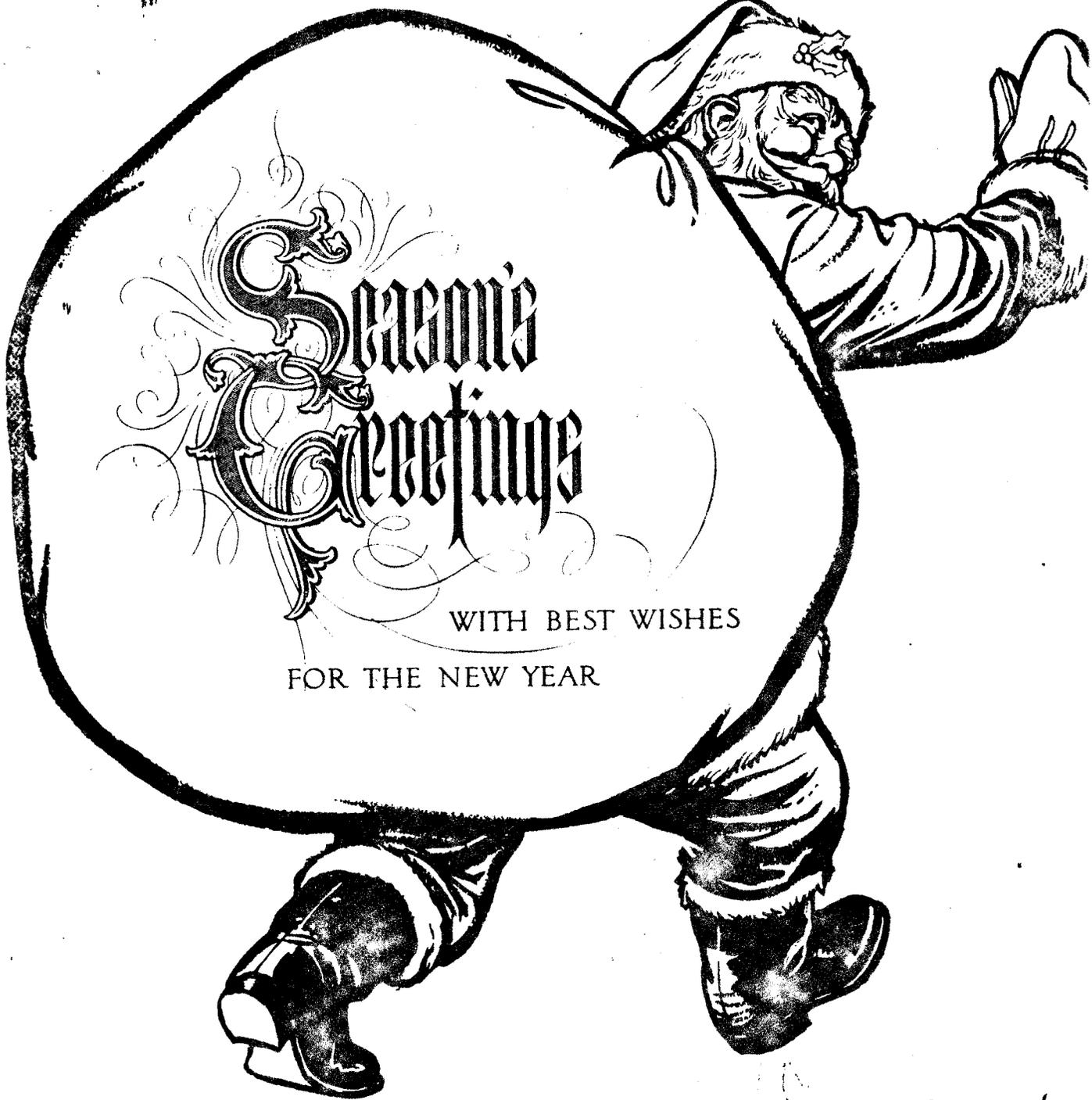
Also, the new General President, Moe Biller, is sending out monthly newsletters on what is transpiring at the national level. The letter he sends out states it as it is; no punches pulled. You will know where you stand, and believe me, you should. It's your union, your strength, and your security. You can find Mr. Biller's newsletters in the swing-rooms....it is truly recommended reading.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families a Joyous and Merry Christmas, and in addition, a Very Happy New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

s/ Bill Cardwell

President
Local #88
APWU



SEASON'S
GREETINGS
WITH BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

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John A. [unclear]
Donald G. Klingner
Mel Johnson
Ernie Paulish
Melvin [unclear]

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the P. O.
Not a body was idle
from flats to M. O.*

*The mail sacks were hung
by the "handlers" with care,
For the influx of mail
they had to prepare.*

*Christmas cards sent
with good wishes and cheer,
Meant working long hours
for those who work here.*

*Work is the word
and lots of it too,
As we plow through the mail
with full staff and crew.*

*Mountains of mail
with it's red and it's green,
Some worked by hand
and some by machine.*

*A constant reminder
this mail decoration,
That OUR holiday means
no pre- celebration.*

*Accepting the fact
that the mail must be done,
We set aside thoughts
of holiday fun.*

*As clerks load machines
with mail from the rack,
I slowly drift off
for a much needed nap.*

*When off to my right
there arose such a clatter,
That I opened my eyes
to see what's the matter.*

*There stood my boss
with an edit in hand,
And what followed next
was a stern reprimand.*

*"No sleeping" he said
and "I don't care what the reason,
We must do our duty
in this holiday season".*

*But at last comes the end
It's Christmas eve night,
Thank goodness it's over
MERRY CHRISTMAS — GOODNIGHT!*

*Laura Rocheleau
Suncoast Area Local, FL*

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* SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS *

We have heard the children say
Gentle children, whom we love-
Long ago on Christmas Day,
Came a message from above,

Still as Christmas-tide comes round,
They remember it again-
Echo still the joyful sound,
"Peace on earth, good will to men"

"Let each shepherd raise his voice
Till the whole world shall rejoice,
Till in one voice all shall sing-
"Glory to our Savior-King!"

Author Unknown