



Since Merry Christmas time this year
Is built upon inflation,
May all your joys be oversize
And filled with jubilation.

But since the prick of Christmas bills
Is apt to burst your bubble,
Please turn the page, and take this gift
To help to solve your trouble.

Good M. F.

broadcast

I received a Christmas card
a few days ago that illustrates
the problem of inflation that
Congress has been ^{seriously} trying
and wrestling with for a long
time. This Christmas card came

from a friend who has
recently gone to China
and here is what he wrote
on the ~~card~~ of seasonal greeting

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And ~~the~~ when I opened the
card what do you think
I found — a \$10 bill — in
Chinese money. It looks
good — ~~almost~~ ^{just} like our own
\$10 bills — ~~except for the picture~~
But my friend says it
will not even buy a 5¢ package
of chewing gum in China.
And speaking of inflation
troubles, Washington has been
acutely interested in the way
that Russia is now trying
to solve her inflation
problems — Repudiation. Surely
we will never have to do
that. How would you like
to be told that your ~~money~~ ^{money}
would be worth only 10¢ to
the dollar. That's what the Russian
people are suffering.
I am confident that nothing
like that will happen here — but
it should serve as a warning to us.
Congress passed an anti-inflation

bill ~~be~~ before adjourning last
Friday, but it does not
have enough teeth in
it to be very effective.

Before a government, the
Congress completed action
on the principle problem
necessitating a special session -
Emergency aid to strikers it was
a continuation of Western that
a striking ^{coincidence} ~~should be~~ ^{actually working} ~~that~~ ^{money} ~~the~~ ^{appreciable} was finally
this bill ¹ passed on the same day that
Gen. Marshall ~~reached~~ ^{was} ~~reached~~ ^{reached}
Washington on his return
from the unsuccessful ^{four}
ministers meeting in London.