

have had no frost but doubt the ²
normal rainfall has soaked us since last
September, and we are only one inch under
our normal for the year of 23.65 inches.

The Central Valley should have a greatly improved
water table, but further south and in N.M.
conditions are very low indeed.

I am so glad that you were not as
ill as reported and I hope your 1951 may
be out of robust health and red happiness in
living among these fine children & grandchildren.

Let us have faith. The Good Lord
does not want Stalin to be his
representative on this Earth, any more than
he desired Hitler or the Emperor of Japan
to take over all earthly affairs.

We had Mr. McDonald & wife of
Melbourne, Australia, here with us 21 Dec
to 31 Dec and it was a fine Christmas
with them and our children, in which a
30 lb Turkey played a pleasant part.

McDonald and his Aussiees who knew Frances,