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Following is a Christmas letter from Miles E. Cary, addressed to the teachers of Poston.

How often have I, and we, thought about you folks this fall. Furthermore there have been times when we have wished that we were there with you helping to meet the problems that you have faced; the disappointment over the Ft. Apache plan; the delays over the completion of the new buildings; the stresses and strains arising out of the Tule Lake segregation; the concerns attendant upon the resettlement program; the withdrawal of the Indian Service; etc, etc.

It has seemed clearer than ever since our return here that the school teachers at Poston are fighting on one of our critical war fronts. It becomes clear each day that the allied nations are slowly but surely winning this war. I expect to see Germany capitulated this coming spring or summer. Following this it will take about a year for the allied nations to assemble their full strength of ships, material, men in the Pacific; then about another year to bring Japan to her knees, which means that I expect the war end in 1946.

But this will not be the end of fascism. Fascism is the name that is used to designate the irrational behaviors of a people who are worried over deep unemployment and insecurity. If we are to defeat fascism we must first defeat unemployment and along democratic lines. But enough of this, except to say that the schools can and should do much to stimulate thinking along these lines.

Mrs. Cary and I think and talk about you folks constantly. We have great respect and admiration for the work you are doing. We want to keep in touch with all of you.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Miles E. Cary