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AMON CARTER MAKES TRUMAN HONORARY FORT WORTH CITIZEN

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FORT WORTH, Tex., April 8
(UP)—Note to President Harry
S. Truman, Washington, D. C.:

You Mr. President, are today
an honorary citizen of Fort
Worth, not for one day, not for
one year, not for one term—but
for life.

Amon Carter, who is almost as
big a man in these parts as you
are in Washington, conferred the
signal honor on you last night,
Mr. President. You, and 14 guys
who flew non-stop around the
world in the B-50 Bomber Lucky
Lady II, and a few other assorted
people, like high military brass
and a smattering of civilian cab-
inet members.

There was a six-buck meal and
some ceremony and a lot of Car-
ter wit as the Chamber of Com-
merce of Fort Worth, with nei-
ther a trace of modesty nor a sign
of compassion for rival Dallas,
acknowledged its place in the sun
as aviation center, first class.

Capt. James Gallagher of Mel-
rose, Minn., the Pacific war the-

atres and Tuscon, Ariz., was
there, along with his 13 crewmen
who did what no other men had
ever done before—fly non-stop
around the globe.

The Chamber of Commerce gave
the flyers a gold medal, a wallet
bearing a citizenship card; a scroll
of citizenship and a sales talk on
Fort Worth's virtues. The Cham-
ber called it a testimonial dinner
for the men of the Lucky Lady,
who took 94 hours and one min-
ute to fly from Fort Worth to
Fort Worth, via the Azores, Saudi
Arabia, Philippines, and Hawaii,
Feb. 26 to March 2.

Lt. Gen. Curtis LeMay, com-
mander of the Strategic Air Com-
mand, and Maj. Gen. Roger Ram-
sey, commanding the 8th Air
Force, shared the spotlight with
the Lucky Lady crew. They also
were given billfolds and citizen-
ship cards and scrolls.

The Truman wallet, complete
with citizenship card, and identi-
cal gifts for Former Defense Sec-
retary James Forrestal and his
recent successor, Louis Johnson,

will go by mail.

As Fort Worth expressed its
thanks for an opportunity to do
some legitimate crowing, it did
not pass up an opportunity to gig
neighbor Dallas.

Chamber of Commerce Man
Web Maddox, as aviation minded
as the next fellow, observed that
here now were Carswell Air Force
Base and a Consolidated Vultee
manufacturing plant that turns
out the six-engine Skygiant B36
Bombers.

Here too, quoth Maddox, will
soon be a new ultra-modern com-
mercial airport. He was referring
to the Midway Airport, which Dal-
las has fought, to no avail, and
which is almost certain to take
away the eminent position held
now by Dallas' Love Field.

"Midway will serve not only
our city," said Maddox, "but al-
so—others."

Carter fired the big guns, how-
ever.

"This certificate of honorary
citizenship," he told Lemay, "is
good anywhere but Dallas."