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"THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE"

In a column and a half editorial under the above head, Amon G. Carter of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram makes some timely observations on the appearance in Texas just at this time of emissaries from Washington, closely connected with the administration, and sees in their coming only one mission and that is to knife in Vice-President Garner's home state his aspirations for the democratic nomination for president.

We think a few extracts from that editorial should serve to put Texas people to thinking:

Perhaps many Texans have been struck lately by the sudden rise in this State's popularity on the itineraries of the traveling Master Minds out of Washington. A flock of the boys are either here, on the way, or coming soon, each preceded by a skirmish line of deployed press agents, and each bringing a full book of instructions to Texans on how to vote. It is an inspiring sight, clouded only by recollections of a similar golden period in Texas' earlier political life, when shoals of visitors from the national capital ushered in what became known as the Carpetbagger Era.

First one thing, then another is given as ostensible reason for the turning of official eyes Texasward. The inimitable Mr. Ickes, sometimes termed the hatchetman of the Hop-happy Tong, wants to see with his own eyes whether the Texas oil fields are really big enough to justify all the labor he has put into the effort to take production control out of the hands of the State into those of his own department of the Federal Government. By a happy coincidence, a bushwhacking detachment from Austin will be on the move in the direction of Fort Worth at about the same time and these will temporarily detour to Kilgore, so as to assure a good showing of horny-handed applause when the secretarial foot touches Texas soil.

Mentioning then Ickes' itinerary in Texas, which seemingly includes what Lynn termed, in referring to Mrs. Ferguson's request for post cards asking her to run for governor, "drafting the people to draft me," the editorial declares that the boys from Washington are down here for the purpose of inducing Texas to put a knife into the back of the John Garner campaign."

Continuing the editorial says:

Normal Texans are unable to understand those calling themselves Texans who go about urging Texas to desert Garner and to weasel out of its duty to stand by its own. It is easy enough to appreciate the anxiety of some

the visiting gentlemen who wish to give the Garner campaign a death blow at the start by inducing the candidate's home State to fail to instruct its delegates to the nominating convention. Those gentlemen are interested chiefly in Texas' 46 votes in the convention. Like the Carpetbaggers of the late Sixties, whom they resemble in the nature of their interest in the State, they want to get something out of Texas, not in this instance to bring anything—either honor or advancement—to the State.