

Washington Telling Texas

Perhaps the Hatch law was not properly drawn, or perhaps it isn't functioning properly. Something slipped, somewhere, evidently, because an under secretary of the department of the interior has been sent to the Lone Star state by the high-ups in Washington to attempt to make up the minds of Texans how they should vote in the forthcoming democratic convention in Chicago.

It is distressing to Texans that a Texan should come home from the New Deal capital for the avowed purpose of turning Texans away from the state's most distinguished son. The Wirtz mission to Texas, of course, is to induce Texans to demand a third term for President Roosevelt. Thinking Texans do not want a third term for Roosevelt, or for any other president. They do want to see Vice removed from Vice President Garner's title, and have him installed in the White Horse.

President Roosevelt is an astute politician, a professional politician, if you please. He has been in politics all his life. He has been maneuvering for months to create a "draft Roosevelt" situation, not being as frank as a pair of his Texas supporters, the Fergusons, who asked Texas voters to send in cards asking them to run again for governor.

It being the democratic tradition, the American tradition, that no president should serve more than two terms, and the president having repeatedly refused to state that he is a candidate for a third term, it is proper that Texans should put forward the name of John Nance Garner for nomination as president. They do not relish being told what to do by a government employee from Washington.

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