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Ickes Takes Slap At Amon Carter

WASHINGTON, April 26 (U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes today sent members of the Texas delegation copies of a letter to Among G. Carter, Texas publisher, accusing him of being more interested in defeating President Roosevelt than in nominating any particular candidate.

Ickes said that his letter was intended to be personal but that since Carter had sent the members a marked editorial attacking Ickes, he felt justified in letting them see a copy of what he had written to the "Horace Greeley of your state."

Ickes' letter to Carter, dated April 18, said in part:

"It would seem that, in common with some native-born and life-long Texans, I, according to the veracious Star-Telegram, am a 'carpet-bagger.' I have visited your state on several occasions and on no one of them have I made a political speech or talked politics privately.

"I have gone to Texas bearing gifts—rich gifts—not a few of them eloquently solicited by the great editor of Fort Worth—and you never thought of calling me a carpet-bagger."

Ickes said his most recent visit was by invitation to help celebrate the discovery of the East Texas oil field. He said he did not talk politics.