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90 **Credit Carter With An Error**

AMON CARTER laid himself wide open to that withering blast of sarcasm from Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

His Fort Worth Star-Telegram should not have called Ickes a "carpet-bagger", saying he came to Texas to promote the third-term prospects of President Roosevelt.

In the first place, there is nothing to indicate that Ickes boosted for Roosevelt while in Texas—to which, incidentally, he came on invitation. Ickes says he did no talking for Roosevelt, and we believe him.

In the second place, if he had boosted for Roosevelt he would have been well within his rights. It is the privilege of every American citizen to go into any state in the union and declare his political preferences. His is the inalienable right to urge his fellow citizens to support whatever political party or candidate he wishes. This right is not denied to cabinet members, either.

But principally, the Star-Telegram erred in exposing itself to the malevolent satire of Mr. Ickes, whose logic is not perennially sound, but whose invective invariably is of rapier quality.