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Ickes Says He's No Texas Carpetbagger

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Then Stay Out of Texas Politics, Urges Ft. Worth Editor

FORT WORTH —(AP)—Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, told Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes today in an open letter that while Texas is grateful for his "good job" in helping with its oil problems, "we do not necessarily need the same kind of help in respect to political problems in Texas at the moment."

Carter, in his 2,000-word reply to a letter from Ickes, copies of which the secretary sent Texas members of congress, said he was "touched" by Ickes' "solicitude for the freedom of Texas voters and subscribe fully to your obviously lately developed opinion that they are capable of acting for themselves without being told how."

Ickes' letter was in reply to an editorial published recently by the

Fort Worth Star Telegram in which Ickes said he had been described as a "carpetbagger." The cabinet member said he understood that Carter and associates had sent political "carpetbaggers" into Wisconsin for the primary elections in behalf of the John Garner campaign.

"If there is any connection between oil regulation, or even PWA projects, and the question of whether Texas should be allowed peaceably to stand up for its own John Garner, I fail to get it," Carter responded. "But you see, down here we are just country folks. We get along as well as we do only because there are not many who are hard-hearted enough to take advantage of us."

Carter denied the Texas Gar-

ner-for-president movement is to defeat Roosevelt, as Ickes charged.

The Fort Worth publisher concluded his letter by inviting Ickes to his Texas ranch, "out where the West begins" when the campaign is over . . . "If you want to rest from the cares and responsibilities you have and assume."

Ickes, in his letter to Carter, denied that on his latest Texas trip he had said one word of a political nature, then added that on previous trips he had gone to the state "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."