

Reasons for No Third Terms

Politics in Texas sinks to a low estate when a former governor, speaking in support of the candidacy of his wife for a third term as governor, with the hope that she will re-enter the mansion at Austin with the aid of a "draft Roosevelt" movement, refers to the vice president of the United States as a "blatherskite."

Jim Ferguson, in his radio address Saturday night, did not refer to Garner by name, but he did say the worst thing Texans could do would be to support some "blatherskite" when the nation's greatest need is for the re-election of Roosevelt. The vice president being the only candidate Texans have in mind, the reference must have been to him. There were several other derogatory references to Texas' most distinguished son. Texans won't appreciate it.

Like other candidates for governor, Ferguson demanded economy in government, but coupled that demand with recommendations for a new tax that would raise some \$50,000,000, more than twice as much as he said could be saved by paring unnecessary expenses. That is a theme of both state and national candidates—cut costs by spending more.

While demanding the re-election of President Roosevelt, and pointing out why he should be retained in the White House, among these reasons being the enormous amount of spending and lending in Texas and the hope for a continuation of the federal handout policy, Ferguson cited two things he deemed arguments for his position, but which in reality are two very good reasons why there should be no third terms.

Relating what he termed still unwritten history, Governor Jim said Governor Ma sent him to Washington to pledge full support for anything the president wanted. "Just tell me what you want; no need to tell me why you want it; just say what, and it will be done." Governor Jim said he told the president. This is an admission of willingness to accept blind obedience to the central power at Washington. That is one of the things the states now are attempting to prevent. There is too much centralized control, made possible in part by the attitude of the Fergusons during Roosevelt's first term, as revealed by Jim Ferguson Saturday night.

Texas is able to stand on its own feet, and to handle its own affairs. It is time now to start doing that, instead of thinking of third terms at Washington and Austin.