Amon Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram, today sent a letter to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, in reply to a letter sent by the secretary to Mr. Carter and released to the nation's press last week.

Mr. Ickes criticized Mr. Carter for implying in editorials in his paper that Mr. Ickes was a "carpetbagger" attempting to interfere with Texans who are promoting the candidacy of Vice President John Garner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

To Mr. Ickes' charge that the Garner movement is an attempt solely to "stop Roosevelt," Mr. Carter replied in his letter that "this is a misstatement entirely disproved by the facts," pointing out that the President has not declared his intention of seeking a third term.

Mr. Carter's letter follows:

"Honorable Harold L. Ickes,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hope you will forgive the delay in replying to your personal letter dated in Washington April 18, which arrived in Fort Worth on the 22, a delay which has been due to chance and not to any intent of my own. Your letter came to my office during my absence, and, since it bore on the envelope the word "Personal," which was understood, it was naturally assumed that your wish was that no other person should peruse it, at least until after I had done so. My office sent you a letter on April 24, by airmail (which you should have received the morning of the 25th) prior to the date you sent out your letter to the Congressmen April 26th. This letter stated the fact of my absence and assured you that the letter would be attended to promptly on my return. Still, you saw fit to change the correspondence from private to public. That is all right with me; but, if only you had thought of the reporters before marking the letter, "Personal," we could have gotten all of this over sooner. It may be a small matter, but I prefer my bawlings-out at first hand.

I regret the shine taken off your letter by the publicity short-circuit, for it was a pretty good effort, in the best traditions of the blast from the imaginary throne.

"What A Word"

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in hoping that I had not suffered to such an extent that I am "no longer able to adorn the streets of our city as I swing along with proprietarian...air to gladden the eyes and brighten the lives of less favored individuals with my tonsorial effulgence." This paragraph is a "dinger" and should have lessened the imaginary burden you carry.

I am forced to confess that there has been a bit of extra delay, even after my return Saturday, April 27th, due to the necessity of obtaining help in the effort to understand just what all those 12-cylinder words in your letter meant. I have a dark suspicion that if I could figure out all of them, I would tend to be irritated. And that is an alarming thought, after seeing what irritation does to a nature usually notable for its sunniness.

I am sure you do not really subscribe to the theory which you seem to advance in your letter—"...because an official has been right once, he must, perforce, be acknowledged to be right at all other times, and because a Citizen, not on the Government..." (Turn to Page 2)
Carter Replies to Ickes’ Letter On FDR Third Term

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The President has been in correspondence with the former Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ickes, and with various officials of the Administration, you did a good job in helping Texas with its oil problems, for which we give you full credit; but, I must re-

call that it is not necessarily need the same as a "candid" candidate for the higher office. For instance, Garner, I fail to get it. But, you can imagine by your solicitation by the Great Editor of a country publisher could bring you a clear light to an opinion whose party record is of such late-ly, you are not the sole arbiter of the facts. No one has a greater respect for the freedom of Texas than I have. He came to the pie counter. Frankly, naturally, we can not afford to be faceless, or even without your gracious permit-

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