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Carter-Ickes 90 Duel Warms Up

Publisher Flashes Back Latest Reply

FORT WORTH, April 29. (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 "toughed" 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.

Carter denied the Texas Garner-for-President movement is to defeat Roosevelt, as Ickes charged.

"I have no apology to make for supporting an outstanding Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States," the Fort Worth publisher declared.

"Let's not befuddle the issue. The results in Wisconsin and Illinois have nothing to do with Texas supporting John Garner."