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Ickes Answered By Amon Carter 90

FORT WORTH, April 29. (AP)—The Fort Worth Star Telegram today carried on the controversy between Publisher Amon G. Carter and Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, with a taunt that Ickes "can't take it."

"Mr. Ickes irritates easily" was the title of the editorial, which appeared along with an open letter from Carter to Ickes. Ickes wrote Carter several days ago, sending copies to Texas congressmen, answering an editorial in which he said he had been referred to as a "carpetbagger."

The cabinet member wrote he understood the publisher and his associates had sent political carpetbaggers into Wisconsin for the primary elections in behalf of the John Garner campaign.

The interior secretary, said the editorial today, "... could dish it out—as everybody knows. But evidently he can't take it." Referring to Ickes' statement that he had gone to Texas "bearing gifts—rich gifts—not a few of them eloquently solicited by the great editor of Fort Worth . . .," the editorial said "Ickes reveals a startling concept of his own place in politics and government."

Allocations to Texas under PWA were not regarded as gifts, the newspaper said, nor was Ickes' part any other than that of an agent.