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## Irritable Ickes

**H**AROLD L. ICKES, irritable secretary of the interior, lost some more of his tender hide in a letter writing skirmish with Fort Worth Publisher Amon G. Carter. The controversy began when Ickes gave reporters copies of a scorching "personal" letter which he had sent Mr. Carter answering an editorial in which he said he had been referred to as a "carpetbagger."

Like a dictator, Ickes has lashed out at whoever has crossed his stormy path in the past few years, but this time he more than met his match. Carter in an open letter to Ickes candidly informed the secretary of interior that Texas PWA allocations were not "gifts" as Ickes had inferred, but legitimate cooperation of the federal government as set up by legislation in which Ickes only figured as an agent of the government; charged that Ickes couldn't take it; defended Texans' right to support their favorite son John Garner in the absence of any announcement of a third term by the president; and generally let the air out of the personal and nasty remarks made in Ickes' letter.

One cannot help but observe that, although Ickes stated in his letter that he was urged to attend the Kilgore celebration of the discovery of the east Texas oil field, the visit tied in nicely with the other stops in his cross country junket in the interest of a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. His deep consideration for the officials at Kilgore, their invitation, and their arrangements, was apparent when Ernest Thompson, scheduled to announce Ickes, was hastily pushed to one side.