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Ickes' Tirade Against Amon Carter Arouses Ire
Of Reader Who Says Texas People Stand Together

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Editor, The Press:

WITH DICTIONARY handy, and a good knowledge of Texas people and the spirit of my San Jacinto forefathers, I am ready to rebuke Harold Ickes on his tirade against a fellow Texan, Amon G. Carter.

If I remember correctly, our esteemed citizen started from scratch and has by his ingenuity propelled himself to the position he now occupies. Perhaps when Mr. Carter was selling chicken and bread on the trains he was an underling more or less to the higher individuals, but I doubt if he has carried with him the dislike for certain kinds of people who trod over him in past years.

Texans are people who think of ambition and progress and do not even know the definition of grudge. Mr. Carter did not cater to politicians to gain the position he now holds.

He will be remembered in future years as a lad who made good in the newspaper business and a man whose hospitality and goodwill marked him as one true Texan. His eagerness to put Texas on the map should certainly allow him to be called Texas' most beloved citizen.

When Mr. Ickes was here, as he mentioned, "When I came bearing good gifts," one would think that only he, the great Harold Ickes, was capable of bearing rich gifts. What about the hospitality welcoming your remembered visit?

Mr. Carter is doing as our forefathers would do toward a fellow Texan who becomes a candidate for president. He is doing his utmost to give the distinction of placing one of her sons in the White House.

Mr. Ickes says we are electing a president of the U. S. and not a president of Texas. You, Mr. Ickes, have the effrontery to say that and what happens when our oil industry seems to be putting out too much oil? I'll tell you. A bunch of big shots from Washington come running down here to tell us how to run our business. In fact they proceed to take full charge, threatening to call a holiday.

Texas is the ideal spot on which to levy taxes, but when we try to put one of our natives in the White House, then the complexion changes from a bright welcome to an emphatic "stay out" of Washington.

Mr. Ickes calls Mr. Carter a dictator. Well, if he is then I'm for that kind of a dictator. Mr. Ickes is just a small piece of a great bureaucracy that for the past eight years has had a strangle hold on everything and committing such ghastly crime as destroying food in one part of the

nation while in another people are starving. During all this a constant purge goes on to place the right men in office.

I wonder what he thinks a dictator is? Probably a Texan who wants a Texan to be president. I wonder what Mr. Roosevelt will be if he is elected again? Oh, certainly not a dictator. Just a good man with a long coat tail for Harold Ickes to hold on to.

Just to show you, Mr. Ickes, how we Texans stand, I do not know Mr. Carter personally, just as I do not know you personally. I am just as lots of people in Texas are. I, like Will Rogers, go by what I read in the newspapers, and I read both papers. I have read what you have done and I have read what Mr. Carter has accomplished. Therefore weighing the evidence and being a Texan I see no excuse for you deriding Mr. Carter unless you want to impress upon the people of Texas a fabrication that Mr. Carter is a dictator. I, like a few thousand other people, do not think he is.

You may get a gold medal pinned on your chest for beating the drums for Roosevelt, but I doubt if it will make much of an impression on us Texans. When you decide to use your wonderful vocabulary to deride someone I suggest you remember that we Texans stand together.

I extend to you, with the best of feeling, an invitation to visit Texas and especially Fort Worth whenever you feel the desire to visit the West. You are cordially welcome and will be received with the greatest of hospitality, I assure you.

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Editor, The Press:

SOME VERY funny things will happen during the coming campaign. Every trick known to political science will be brought into play. I have been telling you about being strongly solicited for the Legislature. Now I have a host of friends here who really

want me to go to Austin. But the ones who want me to run the worst are some of my political foes. They want to see me in a race and out of the way. Nice trick.

I have enough Irish to want to be fair. I think if a fellow has nothing against a man, except personal reasons, it behooves him to either take a club and bean his foe or draw back in his shell and be quiet.

If I have public reasons why a man should not be in public positions then it is not only my privilege but my duty to the people and my children to criticize him openly and publicly. That is my honest view of the question, folks.

I appreciate my many friends as much as any man and deeply regret that I am unable to go into public position and render a service equal to their trust and confidence. I am looking at this campaign as my last one. I have the opportunity to take an active part, in several places.

The Railroad Commission has become important. The opportunity for the wrong man to make a fortune out of allowables and other possible discriminations, the importance to the people and especially to the independent oil industry, of prompt and regular service on the part of the commission, I feel that I can render my best public service and best serve the future of my children by carefully selecting the candidate best fitted for that position and offering him my services.

Naturally, in the light of my experience and knowledge of conditions, I shall oppose W. H. McDonald.

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