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Reconciliation Of Carter, Ickes Will Be Sought

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Texas FDR Leaders Hope Feelings To Be Smoothed

FORT WORTH, Tex.—A reconciliation between Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, and secretary of interior Harold L. Ickes as part of the Democrats' campaign in Texas was envisioned today by Texas Roosevelt leaders.

E. O. Gilliam, president of the Roosevelt Democratic Club of Texas, said that he had invited Ickes to appear here in a "kick off speech" for the drive to keep Texas well within the new deal Democratic ranks. U. S. Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma already has promised to be here for the occasion, and Elliott Roosevelt, the president's son, lives in Texas.

Carter's newspaper supported Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936, but this year the publisher was staunchly backing vice president John N. Garner for the Democratic nomination. At the heat of the Roosevelt-Garner drive for delegates in Texas, secretary Ickes came to Texas for a speaking engagement at Tyler.

Ickes complained that Carter's newspaper, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, had accused him editorially of being a "carpet-bagger."

The tart-spoken secretary added that the new deal was welcome in Fort Worth and other parts of Texas when it came "bearing gifts."

Carter's reply was an open letter to Ickes, printed in the Star-Telegram, in which the publisher said he understood that all Federal Works projects had been distributed nominally on a merit basis.

Presidents Roosevelt and Carter appeared together frequently during the chief executive's visit to his son's home near Fort Worth. Mr. Roosevelt has received one of the publisher's noted white cowboy hats, a "Shady Oaks Special," named after Carter's farm here. At Shady Oaks also, the president once caught a bass in Carter's private pond.

But the publisher's support since 1936 has gone to Cactus Jack Garner who also has been Carter's guest at Shady Oaks.

The Roosevelt club leader, Gilliam, believes, that differences will be forgotten in Mr. Roosevelt's campaign for a third term. There have been several declarations of support for the Republican candidate, Wendell L. Willkie, but there are few present indications that a majority of the state's voters will bolt the Democratic party as they did to support Herbert Hoover in 1928.