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AMON CARTER REFUSES TO RESIGN POST

FORT WORTH, Dec. 1.—Amon G. Carter, chairman of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, whose resignation was requested Monday by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, will not accede to her request, he announced in a formal letter to her and in a statement to the public issued here this afternoon. The letter and statement deny all the charges made by the governor.

Mr. Carter issued a lengthy statement to the people of Texas in which he charged the action of the Governor was based in part on the work of the Star-Telegram in publication of a series of articles on highway construction in Texas. His letter follows:

:::Governor Miriam A. Ferguson,

“Austin, Texas.

“Dear Governor:

“The charges contained in your letter published in the press of the State, asking for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College, are malicious and without justification.

“Smoke Screen” Charged

“The extreme conscientious sense of duty which you so gallantly refer to with so much regret, is nothing more than a smoke screen to divert the mind of the public from the real issues. My appointment was made by Governor Neff for four years two of which I have yet to serve. I fully appreciate the responsibility and dignity which naturally accompanies a position of trust of this kind. The Texas Technological College has started out as a real institution, capably managed throughout and, as chairman of its board of directors. I could not countenance any confusion of side line issues interfering with its growth and development.

“I recall, as many others do, Governor Jim’s past activities with respect to our educational institutions especially the Texas University, and with the consequences of his actions on mind and their effect on the growth and development of these institutions, I seriously question the wisdom of your counsel, which, from your statement, is doubtless influenced by Governor Jim.

Divorce Schools and Politics

“Administrations may come and go, but these great institutions will go on forever and I feel the responsibilities of those administering them should go directly to the people served by them and not to the particular administration which happens to be in power. If there is one point on which the people of Texas are in accord, it is that our educational institutions should be divorced from politics. Under the circumstances I am compelled to decline to accede to your request for my resignation. Meanwhile, if the board of directors or the management of the Texas Technological College, or the people of Texas, should feel that this institution would be benefitted by my resignation, I would gladly resign.

“Respectfully,

“AMON G. CARTER.”