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"MA'S" CHARGES ARE DENIED

Publisher Answers Her Letter

ROAD SITUATION

Says Request Attempt to Shift Issue

Fort Worth, Dec. 1.—Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, will not comply with Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson's request that he resign from the board of directors of West Texas Technological College, at Lubbock.

Carter, in a lengthy statement issued today in answer to Gov. Ferguson's letter to him yesterday, declared his resignation from the board would be offered only thru demand of the people of Texas or by request of the other members of the board.

The publisher termed the governor's charges against him of violating prohibition laws "an effort to divert attention from the highway expenditures situation" at Austin.

He denied all charges in the executive's letter.

Carter Here

On Business

Amon Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, who was in Houston Tuesday on business, refused to make a statement on Governor Ferguson's request for his resignation from the board of Texas Tech.

"I have nothing to say," he said. "I have left a full reply to "Ma" Ferguson to be given out in Fort Worth when her letter reaches my office. I don't want to make a reply here."

U. S. Opens Road

Inquiry

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Austin, Dec. 1.—Arrival in Texas of the U. S. road men from Washington to investigate the highway situation and a long conference between Jim Ferguson and former Ranger Capt. Frank Hamer held the spotlight today in the capital.

Gov. "Ma" Ferguson left the scene of the brewing special session for her home in Temple and Jim was alone in the executive office at the capitol during the day.

The special session talk was enlivened with reports from Amarillo that Speaker Satterwhite would issue his call Dec. 16 for the convening of the House Representatives on Jan. 4.

Federal Agents

The two federal agents, Capt. St. J. Wilson, chief engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, and W. J. O'Leary, administrative assistant of the bureau, were expected from San Antonio.

They were in San Antonio to see U. S. District Attorney John D. Hartmann. Hartmann, however, was in Washington conferring with U. S. Attorney General Sargent.

Jim Ferguson's conference with Capt. Hamer was the cause of a perceptible stir in official circles.

"Ma's" recent proclamation on the liquor question and her request for hte resignation of Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, as member of the board of directors of Texas "Tech" for an alleged "party" were linked by some with the former ranger's visit to the capitol.

Hamer Retired

Hamer retired from the ranger force last July and it was said then that the Fergusons and the officer had come to the parting of the ways. Capt. Hamer has a long list of law-enforcement moves to his credit and is recognized as a fearless officer of the old school.

The conference added credence to a report that the Fergusons were laying down a counter barrage to deflect public opinion from the question of the impending session of the legislature.

"Ma's" sudden departure for Temple was not announced until newspaper men repeatedly and insistently demanded a statement regarding reports carried in Eastern newspapers that she would not call a special session.

Jim said that no statement regarding a special session had been issued by the governor nor himself.