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CHAIRMAN OF TECH BOARD, WHO IS ACCUSED OF MISCONDUCT, TO HOLD TO OFFICE HE ANNOUNCES

FORT WORTH PUBLISHER SAYS ATTACK ON HIM IS
A RUSE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM STATE
HIGHWAY MUDDLE RECENTLY FOUND

(By Associated Press)

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 and declares that this is an effort on the part of the Fergusons to divert attention from the highway disclosures.

The statement and the 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.

Say It Is "Smoke Screen"
"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 issue. 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 accompany a position of trust of this kind. The 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 sideline issues interfering with its growth and development.

Recalls Jim's Work
"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 in mind and their effect on growth and development of these institutions. I seriously question the wisdom of your counsel, which, from your statement, is doubtless influenced by Governor Jim.

Schools Go On Forever
"Administrations may come and go, but these great institutions will go on forever, and I feel the responsibilities of these administering them should go direct 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 of the people of Texas should feel that this institution would be benefitted by my resignation I would gladly resign.
"Respectfully,

"Amon G. Carter."
Talks To People

A statement by Mr. Carter follows:
"To the people of Texas:
"Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad. It is as true now as when the adage was first uttered and it would appear to fit the case of the Governor as though the classics had the present situation in mind.
"The demand for my resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College coming as it does at this juncture of time and under the circumstances it is simply a huge barrage to hide the real intent and motive that lurk behind it.

Jim's Morals Rapped
"It comes with poor grace to assert that now for the first time 'Governor Jim' has learned of certain things which he now proceeds to denounce with smug unction as contrary to good morals.
"I say 'Governor Jim' with no purpose to wound the sensibilities of the good body who is the nominal governor of the state, but to indicate the real actor who, like a ventriloquist behind the scenes, put his voice and his words into the figure on the stage.
"In truth, the things to which the Governor refers on account of which my resignation is demanded, represent ancient history and an effort to make fiction out of fact and to lend to an innocent social entertainment the complexion of a violation of the law.

No, Apologies To Offer
"I have no apology to offer to the fact that I acted as host, on a certain occasion in the city of Ft. Worth, when distinguished men and hundreds of guests assembled in Fort Worth to learn of the hospitality that awaited them from the Chamber of Commerce of which I chanced to be a representative at that time. I was general chairman of the committee that succeeded in bringing to Fort Worth a party of men celebrated the world over as leaders in great commercial enterprises and the story that this entertainment violated the laws is but another effort to divert the public mind from the real issue that now challenges attention on every hand.

Calls Jim Acrobat
"Usually the zeal of a reformer comes by slow stages and his past is a background for very much of what he chooses to accomplish, but when the conversion is so sudden and abrupt that it marks an acrobatic performance, then indeed people look askance and wonder what prompted the antics of the performer.
"The occasion obviously to which 'Governor Jim' refers was that of the entertainment of the American Petroleum Institute in the city of Fort Worth in December 1924, and it comes with extremely bad grace to belite the hospitality of Fort Worth and to charge that all the guests who assembled there, numbering men in all the walks of life, were participators in violating the law of the land. In very truth, there was no violation of the law and there could have been no such action as charged because present with this party were members of the law enforcement departments of both county and city and therefore, the accusation is quite as false and as flat as the role of reformer in which 'Governor Jim' seeks to clothe himself.

"It is strange, passing strange, that 'Governor Jim' is familiar with what took place at the entertainment knowing of it for almost a year, should suddenly wake up to the enormity of the offense. Why wait until the newspaper, with which I have the honor of being associated, should publish to the world a series of editorial articles on highway development and seek in company with other enterprising journals, to direct the public mind to the consideration of a wasteful highway policy?"