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'Ickes Can't Take It,' Star-Telegram Taunts in Reply

FORT WORTH, April 29.—(AP)—

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Monday carried on the controversy

between Publisher Amon G. Carter

and Harold Ickes, secretary of the

Interior, with a taunt that Ickes

"can't take it."

"Mr. Ickes Irritates Easily," was

the title of the editorial, which ap-

peared along with an open letter

from Carter to Ickes. Ickes wrote

Carter several days ago, sending

copies to Texas congressmen, an-

swering an editorial in which he

said he had been referred to as a

"ca-petbagger."

The cabinet member wrote he un-

derstood the publisher and his asso-

ciates had sent political carpetbag-

gers into Wisconsin for the primary

elections in behalf of the John Gar-

ner campaign.

"Startling Concept"

The interior secretary, said the

editorial Monday, . . . "could dish it

out—as everybody knows. But evi-

dently he can't take it." Referring

to Ickes' statement that he had

gone to Texas "bearing gifts—rich

gifts—not a few of them eloquently

solicited by the great editor of Fort

Worth . . ." the editorial said "Ickes

reveals a startling concept of his

own place in politics and govern-

ment."

Allocations to Texas under P. W.

A. were not regarded as gifts, the

newspaper said, nor was Ickes' part

any other than that of an agent.

Carter, in his letter, denied the

Texas Garner-for-President move-

ment is to defeat Roosevelt, as the

cabinet member claimed, saying he

had "no apology to make for sup-

porting an outstanding Democratic

candidate" for the presidency.

View of Carter

Replying to Ickes' assertion that

Carter would be among the first to

the "pie counter" if Roosevelt is re-

-elected, Carter said:

"Frankly, if the President is re-

-elected, he will be my President as

well as yours, and if there be a pie

counter left, we shall reserve the

right, even without your gracious

permission, to demand and expect

for Texas the same treatment ac-

corded any other state in the

union."

Carter concluded by inviting

Ickes to his Texas ranch, "Out

Where the West Begins," when the

campaign is over . . . "if you want

to rest from the cares and respon-

sibilities you have and assume."

Political Trip Denied

Ickes, in his letter, denied that on

his latest Texas trip he had said

one word of a political nature. In

regard to the oil industry, he wrote:

"As to my wanting to run the oil

business in Texas, that also is flap-

doodle. No more than I was a 'car-

petbagger,' when I was helping to

distribute generous chunks of fed-

eral money, was I an oil dictator in

1933, when you great, strong, he-

men wrung your hands while the

price went down to 10 cents a bar-

rel in the East Texas field. I was a

fine fellow when I went to Texas,

with the backing and helping of the

President, to pull you sturdy indi-

vidualists out of the slough of de-

spond that you yourselves had cre-

ated."

"Political Problems"

Carter responded that while Texas

is grateful for his "good job" in

helping with its oil problems, "we

do not necessarily need the same

kind of help . . . in respect to po-

litical problems in Texas at the mo-

ment."

Carter, in his 2000-word reply,

said he was "touched" by Ickes'

"solicitude for the freedom of Texas

voters and subscribe fully to your

obviously lately developed opinion

that they are capable of acting for

themselves without being told

how. . .

"If there is any connection be-

tween oil regulation, or even P. W.

A. projects, and the question of

whether Texas should be allowed

peaceably to stand up for its own

John Garner, I fail to get it."