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# Nail It to the Mast!

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Secretary of the Interior Ickes, in his capacity as Public Works Administrator, has now announced—with some reservations and provisos—that hereafter contractors and sub-contractors will not be allowed to buy foreign-made materials for public works projects unless Mr. Ickes himself approves.

What the American people, who are paying for all the relief work, would like to hear is that the Public Works Administration **WILL NOT APPROVE** any contract for alien materials, sold in our home market in competition with our good American products and paid for with taxpayers' money provided to make jobs for American workmen in our factories or elsewhere.

Mr. Ickes pleads that on particular bids the Government **MIGHT** be overcharged unless it buys abroad.

For years the Government has been meeting such contingencies by simply rejecting all bids offered and calling for new bids when collusion is suspected.

Hence Mr. Ickes' plea does not amount to much.

Meanwhile, the contract for 1,000,000 pounds of German steel for the Triborough Bridge project still stands.

Secretary Ickes explains, very reasonably, that he cannot legally cancel it.

But **SOMEBODY** can—and the precedent must be irrevocably established—**AMERICAN MONEY** for **AMERICAN WORKING-MEN** and for **AMERICAN INDUSTRY** on all work relief undertakings.

That is the principle for which the Hearst newspapers have been fighting since we undertook this crusade against Nazi steel in work relief projects.