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Launch Liberty Ships Inquiry

LOS ANGELES, April 3—(I. N. S.).—A Senate sub-committee headed by Senator Harry S. Truman, Missouri Democrat, was to open public hearings today on construction defects in liberty ships that have caused some of them to crack up at sea. Other members of the committee are Senators Kilgore of West Virginia; Ferguson of Michigan; Hatch of New Mexico; Jackson of Indiana and Wallgren of Washington.