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# **Liberty Ship Quiz Here Set**

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WASHINGTON, March 1. — Truman committee hearings on reported faulty construction of Liberty ships will open at New York City tomorrow, to be followed before the end of March by hearings at Seattle and other West Coast ports, it was announced today at the Truman committee offices.

Rudolph Halley, committee counsel, explained that a one-day hearing at New York is planned, because of the presence there of many ship construction officials involved in reports that an inordinate number of Liberty ships have developed serious defects, and that several have broken apart in Pacific Northwest waters.

Members of the subcommittee who will sit at New York are Senators Harry S. Truman, Missouri Democrat, chairman of the senate national defense committee; Mon C. Wallgren, Washington Democrat, and Harley M. Kilgore, West Virginia Democrat.

"We have an almost equal balance between complaints that far too many Liberty ships are splitting apart and otherwise showing defects, and claims that the number is no more than can be expected under the huge ship construction schedule," Halley said. "The subcommittee's purpose is to ascertain which is correct, and then to find means of eliminating defects altogether."