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more money to patronize business. Raising the excess profits tax floor to \$35,000 does little good. Excess profits taxes should start lower than that.

HOSPITALITY

It is generous of the United States to permit communists to remain in this country. Permission to Harry Bridges was apparently given on the assumption that he was not a communist. Had he been sent away he would have been but one of thousands who are harbored here.
Proof that communists have greater loyalty to Russia and the communist ideal than to America and the democratic ideal is not hard to find. They disclosed their thoughts when they switched stogies so quickly when Germany marched into Russia. Before that date the "ultra-liberal" writers had called the war a capitalistic battle. After that June day of 1941 it was a crusade.
Perhaps we do best by letting them rave, but there is always the danger that they will take some advantage of our hospitality and help turn the nation to communism, where, theoretically we do not want to go.
Our present trend toward more government and more governmentally engendered security is right down the communistic alley, and is evidence that we need little urging to adopt another ideal than the freedom and self reliance of democracy and capitalism.
If a change is made by and with the consent of the people, openly and clearly and with complete understanding, there can be no criticism of it. If it is made by subterfuge, dishonesty and by fooling the people it will be reducing to serfdom by such means the last sizeable group of freedom loving people on the earth.

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Washington Column

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mer department, to which it was assigned by President Roosevelt's reorganization order, and give it the status of an independent agency. Mr. Halleck ironically referred to a report that Secretary Wallace is now taking flying lessons to qualify as an expert in aviation. The prospect that congress will shortly provide as much as one billion dollars, over a period of years, for the building of airports and development of aviation, Halleck said, made it advisable that the aeronautics be wholly removed from the influence of politics and put in a position to render the greatest possible aid in the development of air commerce.
Recognition of the service rendered by members of the merchant-marine and their contribution to the war effort is sought in a bill introduced in the house to place them more nearly on the status of men in the army and navy. It would provide federal aid for their readjustment in civil life, give assistance to families of those whose lives have been lost in the merchant marine service and extend benefits now provided only to men in the armed forces. The bill was referred to the committee on commerce and an early report is expected with the probability that it will be passed with a few minor amendments.

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AAA Not Handling Trucks, Gas Anymore

Preliminary steps to obtain more government surplus trucks for Oregon farmers under a new sales plan have been started, with first action affecting the principal wheat growing counties, N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant of the state AAA committee has announced. The new program provides for sales of allocated trucks to dealers who agree to resell to farmers and farmer cooperatives within designated areas. Farmers who hold AAA certificates can then purchase trucks direct.
The Oregon AAA committee has designated six principal wheat

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The office of Surplus property

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as the Executor of the Estate of Harry N. Richelderfer, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court house of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.
Selma Viola Watkins
Executor

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as the Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Nora Maud Akers, Deceased, and that Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court room of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.
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