



Some of the books and magazines which were removed from the Bartlesville library, following charges of "distributing subversive literature," are shown here in the basement of the Civic Center building.

Board Removes 'Red' Literature; Action Delayed

BARTLESVILLE, March 9—(Special)—City commissioners, meeting Thursday in a closed session, delayed action on the sudden removal of 400 magazines and books from the city library, which had been charged with distributing "subversive" literature by an irate citizens committee.

Mayor R. H. Hudson said that the commissioners will review the report of the library board at a meeting Monday, April 13, before taking action.

The controversial literature was moved by order of the board to the basement of the Civic Center building, which houses the library. Russell Davis, chairman of the library board, said that the books and magazines are under lock and key until the commission makes a final decision.

Removal of the books provided the latest development in the three-way controversy between the commissioners, the citizens committee and the library board.

Mayor Hudson Tuesday ordered an investigation of the library's book lists and operations following charges of the citizens committee, composed of teachers, former teachers and club women. The committee made the charges at a joint meeting of the three groups which was attended by 300 persons.

A janitor's claim that he had found the literature dumped in trash barrels, and had placed them under lock and key in the basement, was denied by members of the board.

In addition to Davis, other members of the library board are Dick Kane, George Cade, Mrs. W. H. Freiburger, Mrs. C. E. Beecher and Mrs. Darlene Essery.