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Another Voice

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Up in Bartlesville, Okla., they are having library trouble. Objections were advanced to the public library having available two decidedly left-of-center American magazines, *The Nation* and *New Republic* and the frankly propaganda official Russian "*Soviet Today*." The city council passed in June an ordinance under which they could fire the library board. They did and the new board fired a veteran librarian. Another resigned. Some Bartlesville folk have resorted to the courts and the first decision sustains the legality of the new ordinance and the firing. There it rests today.

Public libraries are tax supported and the public comprises right, center and left in proportions according to locality. Anybody spending public money for periodicals has difficulty in choice. But the ideal would be to have available magazines representing types of thought. Nothing is gained by repressing the right to form opinions, though in different cities this seems abused about as much on one side as the other.

Patriotism assumes peculiar guises. Back in 1919 the AEF was nightly enjoying German opera in Coblenz while in New York indignant mobs were storming the Metropolitan for presenting Wagner.

As for the Bartlesville magazine display, in the eloquent phrase of the domestic craps shooter; "Read 'em and weep."

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