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devoted, and dedicated member of many units of the the Association.

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the American Library Association expressed its deep sense of loss at the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Sidney Jackson and extends its deepest sympathy to his family, and to his friends and professional colleagues throughout the country."

This resolution was submitted by Mary Biblo and Herbert Biblo.

Mr. Chairman, if I might suggest, the membership might adopt this resolution by a rising vote.

PRESIDENT SHANK: All those in favor of this resolution, please rise.

Thank you. Be seated.

The motion has been passed.

Resolution No. 4 is now before us, support of the Progressive Magazine. James R. Dwyer, please go to the microphone to place the resolution before the Assembly. Resolution No. 4.

MR. JAMES R. DWYER: Resolution No. 4

"WHEREAS, The Progressive magazine is the

target of censorious prior restraint on the part of the government of the United States; and

"WHEREAS, the information contained in the censored article is freely available in unclassified documents found in American library collections; and

"WHEREAS, the Los Alamos Library is now the object of censorship and repression which may set a precedent for similar repression of other libraries and similar unclassified information; and

"WHEREAS, the Freedom to Read Foundation has entered the case in support of The Progressive and Freedom of Information; and

to this point. I don't have any prepared text here, but

"WHEREAS, the Library Bill of Rights states there are two things that concern me about the Progressive that 'Libraries should cooperate with all persons and

groups concerned with resisting abridgement of free expression and free access to ideas.'

is being censored is, as mentioned in one resolution,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the American Library Association go on record as supporting the actions of the United States Attorney General's Office, supporting the Progressive' case, and demanding the case be dropped immediately; and

the Los Alamos Library has been and is undergoing review of

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copies of

this resolution be sent to the Attorney General of the United States, the Freedom to Read Foundation, and the national press."

PRESIDENT SHANK: Thank you. Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

Thank you. There is a second, and is there discussion?

Yes, you may continue, Mr. Dwyer, Microphone No. 10.

MR. DWYER: I would like to speak very briefly to this point. I don't have any prepared text here, but there are two things that concern me about the Progressive case.

One is the information in the article that is being censored is, as mentioned in the resolution, freely available in information found in American libraries and unclassified documents, and the second, according to the New York Times and other sources, it has been reported that the collection of the Los Alamos Scientific Library has been and is undergoing review of other documents.

All those in favor of the Membership Resolution No. 4, please say "Aye;" all those opposed, "No."

It has passed and the action it calls for will be taken.

It is now time for any new business if there is any.

MRS. ILSA MOON (Personal member of the Association from Florida): I would like to propose at this time that we dissolve into the ~~Committee~~ of the whole for the purpose of discussing the dues increase for the guidance of Council.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT SHANK: Is there any time limit that you wish to place?

If not, we will go to the end of the scheduled hour.

MRS. MOON: That is fine. I don't think it will take that long.

PRESIDENT SHANK: Thank you. Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)