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said, stood for dance tickets, a fact she had learned upon inquiring about the deduction. Employees confirmed that each had been assessed \$5 for two tickets to the union affair next February without having been asked if they wanted to attend.

**SURVEY MADE** by Municipal Housing Commission of Louisville, Kentucky, shows extent to which subsidized low-rental housing affords opportunity to those who don't mind sponging off the taxpayer. Alarmingly large percentage of residents of civic housing projects, survey reveals, are young people between 17 and 20 years of age, healthy, not in school and not working.

LOUISVILLE Municipal Housing Commission properly concluded that reason for large number of youthful loafers was that parents occupying subsidized rentalhousing deliberately discouraged them from seeking remunerative employment because extra family income might disqualify them for privilege of having taxpayers foot bill for part of their rent.

IN EFFORT to correct abuse, housing authorities in Louisville propose adding to family income of residents inactive minors' "anticipated income" even though no actual earnings are shown.

**EDUCATORS WHO SEEK** to cloak their own intellectual shortcomings behind professional gobbledegook have already been roundly and properly denounced by Dr. Hilda Neatby of University of Saskatchewan in her recent book, "So Little for the Mind."

STRONG support for Dr. Neatby's views comes from Norman Cousins, editor of US weekly, *Saturday Review*, who asserts that occupational disease of specialized references and apparent obscuratism is so serious as to warrant the severest self-criticism by members of the teaching profession.

PEDANTRY of language so dear to professional educators, Mr. Cousins believes, is result of habit, lacking ulterior motive. Fact is, however, that if it provides cloak for incompetence, it can also provide cloak for something far more sinister. **REUTERS' DESPATCH** from London reports that Dr. Leopold Infeld, former mathematics professor at University of Toronto, has been awarded Order of the Banner of Labor, First-class, by communist government of Poland.

DR. INFELD, who correctly predicted in 1946 that Russia would have the A-bomb within three years, left Canada in 1950 for Poland, and subsequently submitted his resignation to University of Toronto. Question in minds of many people is contribution which Dr. Infeld, while member of faculty of Canadian university, may have made to Russian efforts to learn A-bomb secret.

**HIGH OFFICIAL** of US Commerce Department, Mr. John C. Worthy, recently explained to NY insurance men why governments cannot run business properly. They do not pay enough; hence do not get good executives. Those they do get are not under the same pressure to make a profitable showing as executives in private business.

SAYS Mr. Worthy: "A government executive makes the same amount of money if he turns in a big profit or if he loses the corporation's shirt. And if he does lose the corporation's shirt, he is protected against dismissal or demotion by as complex a system of seniority and job protection as ever prevailed among the rank and file workers of unionized plant."

**CBC** television broadcast, which carried blasphemous utterances of a trade union member at a strike-vote meeting, has evoked an official protest from Mayor Leslie Saunders of Toronto, who deplores as do all decent Canadians the fact that CBC-TV should be allowed to "contaminate" people's homes with such bad language.

BLASPHEMY, which occurred in CBC-TV documentary programme, News Magazine, is defended by producer Harry Rasky, who admits he knew offending phrase was in programme before it went on the air. "I'm not ashamed of it," says Mr. Rasky. "TV is a terrific medium to show life as it is. That, not shocking people, was our intention."

CBC-TV, as publishing medium, should enjoy no immunity from laws that govern other publishers in so far as publication of blasphemous material is concerned.

PARENTS active in Home & School Associations in Canada should hammer home this point at every opportunity. Result of doing so will be to bring about higher educational standards and at same time get better value for educational tax dollar.

INTERESTING sidelight of Mr. Rasky's defence of his position is that, in his opinion, true-life presentation of conduct of trade union members must, to be realistic, contain violent and blasphemous utterances.

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