

# JEFF SCHOOL CLOSES

THE ANNOUNCED termination of existence by the Jefferson School of Social Science will be sincerely regretted by the thousands who have enrolled in its classes since 1944 and the many who still expected to do so. In its 12 years the institution has been a study center of Marxism with thousands who are today active progressive workers and leaders in numerous fields owing much to the inspiration and knowledge they received in that building on the Avenue of Americas.

The most important fact that must be stated for the whole world to know is that the shutdown of the school is primarily due to the McCarranite-McCarthyite hysteria and persecutions. The "miracle" was the ability of the school to continue operation through this entire shameful period, although on a curtailed scale. Tribute for that is due to courageous and self-sacrificing men and women of the school's faculty and the hundreds who defying the inquisitors and stoolpigeons, stood by their right to enroll in such school.

The current discussion and revaluation going on in this country as in the socialist camp throughout the world will undoubtedly clear much of the atmosphere within the working class movement. Before long we can expect a new and firmer basis to develop for the building of a new institution in the Jeff School tradition.

The whole world ought to be told that in this land whose spokesmen and special radio apparatus abroad are so boastful of our "freedom," people who teach and study in "non-conformist" institutions like the Jefferson School are hounded, outlawed and persecuted by a special "dangerous thoughts" agency known as the Subversive Activities Control Board.