

JEFFERSON SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT END OF TERM

The Jefferson School of Social Science, 13-year-old Marxist educational center in downtown Manhattan, will go out of existence at the end of the current term, its Board of Trustees announced yesterday.

Founded in 1944, through the merger of the Workers School and the School for Democracy, the Jefferson School has had more than 120,000 enrollments in courses taught in its 9-story building at 575 Avenue of the Americas, and thousands more in extension classes and annexes.

The School was included on the Attorney General's list of "subversive" organizations in December, 1947; and since the spring of 1953 it has been involved in proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board, which on June 30 of last year ordered the institution to register as a "Communist-front organization" under the Internal Security Act of 1950. The order is now being appealed in the U. S. Court of Appeals.

The statement of the Trustee Board attributes its decision to close the Jefferson School to "unwarranted persecution by the Federal Government" in violation of the constitutional "rights of free speech and assembly". The resultant loss of operating income and "heavy costs of legal defense", the statement says, have "created a financial situation in which it is impossible for the School to continue its program."

The Trustees expressed confidence "that the needs and interests of working people and others will bring into being new agencies and institutions for the furtherance of Marxist education."

SCHNEIDERMAN IN AUTO ACCIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27—William Schneiderman, California state chairman of the Communist party, was badly shaken up and members of his family injured in an auto accident last week.

Schneiderman, his wife, Leah, and their daughter, Ellen, suffered contusions. Most seriously injured was Mrs. Schneiderman's mother, Mollie Schneider, who is at Kaiser Foundation hospital with a fractured collar bone.

The accident occurred on Highway 101, just north of Salinas, last Wednesday evening when the family was Los Angeles-bound for Thanksgiving.

Schneiderman was at the wheel, and tried to veer away from an object that suddenly loomed up on the road. He crashed into a concrete marker diving the highway.