

the Holocaust. He served with U.S. forces and became a citizen. After the war he studied
born to a Jewish family on the shifting German-Polish border; most of his family perished in
Germany, he had escaped Hitler and moved to America just before the War started. He was

Ernst Borinski had taught at Tougaloo since 1948. An attorney and judge in
leading me into a new world of radical politics and action.

chairman, who was to be a major influence in my life, as a teacher, and, later, comrade,

College in the Social Science Seminars organized by Dr. Ernst Borinski, the Sociology

Mississippi faculty encouraged students to attend such activities and other lectures at Tougaloo

all the colleges in the state in the Intercollegiate Fellowship for speakers and discussions.

and YMCA, had begun in the Depression and brought black and white students together from

had been part time faculty. Interracial student activities, originally sponsored by the YMCA