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Memo

TO: Director, State Sovereignty Commission

FROM: Zack J. Van Landingham

SUBJECT: DR. ERNEST BORINSKI ~~0~~, aka DR. ERNEST BORINSKY

Race Agitator

Dr. ERNEST BORINSKI since 1947, has been employed as Professor of Sociology at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. He is a white man and was during the past year the center of a storm of protest around lectures he was conducting with mixed students at Millsaps and Tougaloo Colleges.

The following information, previously in the possession of the writer, is recorded herewith:

The matriculation records of the University of Chicago, which Dr. Borinski attended in 1946 reflect the following information:

Borinski is a German Jew born in Katowice, Poland, November 26, 1901. He attended high school in what was then [Kattowitz?], Poland from 1912 to 1920. He received a BA degree in 1924 from the University of Halle Muenchen in Munick, Germany. He studied law from 1925 to 1928 in the courts in Halle, Saale, Hamburg and Berlin Germany. In 1928 he received a PHD degree from the University of Berlin. His application for admission to the University of Chicago stated he was a Judge in the General Court, Kelbra, Germany, from 1928 to 1929 and practiced law in Erfurt, Germany from 1929 to 1932. He also stated that he taught in Jena Germany for 8 years.

His application further reflected that in 1930 he studied International Law at the Academy of International Law, The Hague, Netherlands.

He came to the United States in 1938 and was employed by Michael Stern Clothing Company, Rochester, New York from July 30, 1938 to October 21, 1939. He was employed, according to his application, from 1939 to December 5, 1942 at Noah's Ark Auto Accessories, 85 Railroad Street, Rochester, New York.

Borinski was drafted into the United States Army December 3, 1942, and served for 13 months from May 1943 to June 14, 1944, as an interpreter in the Intelligence Division overseas. In 1944 the Army returned him to the United States where he served as an interpreter in the Intelligence Division

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at the prisoner of war camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged as a Private First Class September 12, 1945. His army serial number was 32584872.

Borinski was naturalized as a United States citizen November 22, 1943 while serving with the United States Army. His naturalization was a result of his service with the army. His naturalization number is DD-2262.

Borinski received his MA degree in Education at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois in 1946. While living in Chicago, he resided at the International House at 1414 East 59th Street. Prior to entering the University of Chicago and during the period when he left the army in 1945, his address was 414 Remington Street, Rochester, New York. The records at the University of Chicago in 1946 reflected Borinski to be single and noted that he spoke fluently English, German and French. He also spoke fairly fluently Polish and Spanish and was at that time studying Russian.

References given by Borinski on his application to the University of Chicago were as follows:

1. Dr. Max Hershberger, Scientist, Kodak, 320 Stone Road, Rochester New York.
2. Hermann [Golu~~]~~B~~]~~?, 94 Brookwood Avenue, Rochester, New York.
3. H. V. Kaltenborn, 167 E. 64th Street New York, New York.

In 1947 Dr. Ernest Borinski was employed at Professor of Sociology at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi.

In October 1948 Dr. Borinski made a speech in Jackson, to a group of men in which he allegedly sympathized with Russia and claimed that the United States did not understand Russia. He criticized the United States as being imperialistic and endeavored to develop a sympathetic feeling toward Russia among his audience. The name of this meeting is not known. The above information allegedly was reported through Army Intelligence.

It has been further alleged that in his teachings at Tougaloo College he has fostered racial equality and integration of the races.

Borinski is described as follows:

Name -- Dr. Ernest Borinski, aka Dr. Ernest Borinsky.

Age – 57 (Born November 26, 1901 at Katowice, Poland)

Race – White

Sex – Male

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Height – 5[?] 4N]

Weight – 160 pounds

Hair – Brown

Eyes – Gray-blue

Occupation – Teacher at Tougaloo College, Mississippi

Residence – Tougaloo College, Mississippi

Mother – Deceased

Father – Max Borinski, Beuthen, Virshow Street, No. 1, Germany

Sister – Ilse Wolf, Prague Czechoslovakia

Friends – Alfred Greenberg, 141 Remington Street, New York, N. Y.

Benjamin Greenberg, 141 Remington Street, New York, N. Y.

Recommendations:

That file be opened for investigation to keep up with the activity of Borinski at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi.