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MATERIAL ON

BRENDAN BEHAN

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Brendan Francis Aidan Behan (1923-1964) was born on February 9, 1923 in Dublin, Ireland. An Irish poet/playright, short story writer and novelist, he was widely regarded as one of the greatest Irish writers and poets of all time. In the family home where he grew up, Irish history and culture were very important. Behan joined the Irish Republican Army youth organization, Fianna Éireann, as a teenager and was eventually imprisoned in a youth detention prison where he began to learn and speak the Irish language. Behan was released from prison by the Fianna Fáil government in 1946 through general amnesty of the time.

Behan's first play in 1954, "The Quare Fellow", was well received and from there a wider reputation was built. Behan's plays in English and in the Irish language propelled him to international success. His autobiographical novel called *Borstal Boy* became a worldwide best-seller. Behan died in March 1964.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brendan_Behan (January 2016)

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one oversize scrapbook of newspaper clippings collected and arranged by Saros Cowasjee, Professor of English, and scholar of another Irish playwright, Sean O'Casey.

Legal Agreement: The donation agreement is pending.

Future Accruals: None are expected.

Access Restrictions: These records are open to researchers.

Note on Arrangement: The oversize scrapbook of newspaper clippings was photocopied for preservation purposes.

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