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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  Richard Pollak is an author and a former executive editor of The Nation and an associate editor of Newsweek. The Collection includes documents, interviews, photographs, and correspondence he collected while writing The Creation of Dr. B: A Biography of Bruno Bettelheim (1997.) Bettelheim was a child psychologist as well as the director of the Orthogenic School at the University of Chicago from 1944 to 1973.

Information on Use

Access  Series V contains material that is restricted during the lifetime of Richard Pollak. Series III does not contain access copies for all or part of the material in this series. Researchers should consult staff before requesting materials from this series. The remainder of the collection is open for research.

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Scope Note  The Richard Pollak Collection of Bruno Bettelheim contains documents, interviews, photographs, and correspondence collected by Pollak while researching and writing The Creation of Dr. B: A Biography of Bruno Bettelheim, published in 1997. This collection includes a wide range of original and copied sources documenting Bettelheim’s family and personal life before his immigration to the United States, such as educational records from the University of Vienna, Bettelheim’s letters from Dachau and Buchenwald, and documents from the U. S. State Department regarding his immigration. Also included are copies of many of the books, articles, and columns that Bettelheim wrote from 1944 to 1989. It contains audiotapes of
interviews Pollak conducted between 1990 and 1996. Included in this collection are also books that Bettelheim wrote about his work in psychoanalysis and the Orthogenic School.

The collection is organized into five series:

Series I: Bettelheim Documentary Materials includes original and copies of documents by and about Bruno Bettelheim. It is divided into six subseries

Subseries 1, Family and Biographical, contains material pertinent to Bruno Bettelheim’s family personal life, particularly before his immigration to the United States and at the end of his life.

Subseries 2, Education, Teaching and Administration is divided into two subseries. Subseries 1 documents Bettelheim’s education in Vienna, as well as teaching and other associations while at Rockford College and the University of Chicago. Subseries 2: Contain documents that relate to the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School. Bettelheim, the director from 1944 to 1973, fundraised, wrote project proposals, and also consulted, as evident in these files. This subseries also contains papers written about the school as well as reports of abuse and responses to those allegations.


Subseries 4, Writings, contains copies of articles written by Bettelheim, as well as reviews of his work and publisher correspondence. This series is subdivided into three sections: 1) Published Articles and Columns; 2) Reviews; 3) Book Reviews and Publisher Correspondence.

Subseries 5, Interviews and Articles, contains interviews and transcripts from depositions and television appearances that Bettelheim participated in from 1961 to 1988. It also contains articles that were written about Bettelheim from 1946 to 1991. These are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 6, Honors and Awards, contains material related to honors and awards that Bettelheim received between 1961 and 1990.

Series II: Research Notes and Documentation is divided into three subseries. The first subseries contains biographical notes and materials compiled by Richard Pollak, regarding Bettelheim and
many other individuals. Subseries 2 contains notes and research materials on a wide range of subjects. Subseries 3 includes correspondence sent and received by Pollak while researching and after publication of The Creation of Dr. B, as well as clippings of reviews and other news items related to the book.

Series III: Audiovisual is divided into three subseries. Subseries 1, Photographs includes images of Bettelheim and his family and associates, dating from 1910 to 1996. Subseries 2 contains audio recordings of interviews conducted by Pollak during his research, Bettelheim’s interviews and lectures, as well as translations from documents in German, Dutch, and French. These materials date from 1969 to 1996. For the most part, the interviews are organized in chronological order, as collected and numbered by Pollak. Other audiotapes are organized by subject rather than by date. The third subseries contains Bettelheim’s appearances on television shows, and interviews he did in the 1970s and 1980s.

Series IV: Books and Journals, contains books and journals on or written by Bettelheim between 1950 and 1997. This series is divided in two subseries: 1) Books Authored and Coauthored by Bettelheim, 1950 to 1993; 2) Books and Journals on Bettelheim, the Orthogenic School, and Psychoanalysis, 1982 to 1997. Both of these subseries are organized in chronological order.

Series V: Restricted contains items to which access is restricted.

Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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- Pollak, Richard
- Bettelheim, Bruno
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