

RYAN, (Oscar) COLLECTION

The drafts of his novel, Soon to be born, were presented to the Library by Mr. Oscar Ryan, 42 Barton Ave., Toronto, in July, 1981. Mr. Ryan has placed no restrictions upon use.

Biographical note:

Born in Montreal, June 27, 1904, Oscar Ryan grew up in that city. Moving to Toronto in 1926, he became a journalist. He wrote for The Worker, a Toronto newspaper which began in 1922, and for The Daily Clarion, which was published in Toronto between 1935 and 1939. Mr. Ryan was editor of The Canadian Labor Defender, a monthly magazine, and was publicity director for the Canadian Labor Defense League for 2 to 3 years in the 1930's. At the same time he worked as a free lance in advertising.

He began to do theatre reviewing when working for The Daily Clarion considering it to be an essential feature of any newspaper. He has continued to review Canadian theatre with the Canadian Tribune, originally under the name of Martin Stone, but latterly under his own name.

Besides his lately published novel, Soon to be born (New Star Books, 1908) Mr. Ryan has published the following: The sedition of A.E. Smith, In defense of the right to strike, Deported!, and the The story of the trial of the eight Communist leaders, all published by the Canadian Labor Defense League in the 1930's. He also contributed to Eight men speak, a political play in six acts, and wrote a biography, Tim Buck, a Conscience for Canada (New Hogtown Press, 1976).

Box I. Ryan, Oscar. Early draft of a novel, Soon to be born. Typescript with manuscript corrections and additions. 450 p.
- Final draft as submitted to the publisher. Typescript. 420 p. 1976-1980

Box 2 Outline, and typescript (carbon copy) of Soon to Be Born with editor's and publisher's notes. 1981