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"Destroy All Rational Thought" DVD - This 45 minute documentary was filmed in Dublin in 1992 at the "Here To Go" show--a celebration of William S. Burroughs & Brion Gysin's massive influence over the art world. Present at this meeting/show/party were such luminaries as Moroccan painter Hamri and the Master Musicians of Joujouka. But, the focus of this video is clearly to document and release some rare footage of Burroughs (including one of his last interviews) and Gysin from the 50s and 60s, in the prime of their legendary Paris/Tangiers period. Short films (some of which are silent) are interspersed between segments of interviews with various writers and friends of the Beat Generation's most subversive artists, creating a sort of surreal souvenir of the celebration. As a timepiece, "Destroy All Rational Thought" functions quite well, though it's certainly nowhere close to being a comprehensive look at these visionary artists. Still, an interesting collection and a fascinating document that invites further inquiry and investigation. (MVD Visual)