

# Basic Detail Report

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## An anti Mafia demonstration held by

### members of the PCI in Calabria

#### Date

1969-1979

#### Medium

gelatin silver print

#### Description

The Italian Communist Party (PCI) was a communist political party in Italy. The PCI was founded as Communist Party of Italy on 21 January 1921 in Livorno, by seceding from the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). Amadeo Bordiga and Antonio Gramsci led the split. Outlawed during the Fascist regime, the party played a major part in the Italian resistance movement. It changed its name in 1943 to PCI and became the second largest political party of Italy after World War II, attracting the support of about a third of the voters during the 1970s. In 1963 the first parliamentary commission of inquiry into the Mafia was launched, but it would take 13 years and two more legislatures before a final report was submitted in 1976. In 1972 Cesare Terranova together with PCI deputy Pio La Torre, wrote the minority report of the Commission, which pointed to links between the Mafia and prominent politicians, in particular of the Christian Democrat party (DC - Democrazia Cristiana). The final report was issued at a time when the question of the Mafia was pushed to the background by the political turmoil in the 1970s, known as the years of lead (it: anni di piombo), a period characterized by widespread social conflicts and terrorism acts attributed to far-right and far-left political movements and the secret services.

#### Dimensions

Overall: 30.9 x 20.5 cm (12 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.)