

Two men lean against a wall bearing posters for the Communist and Democratic Parties during an anti Mafia demonstration in Calabria

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Pietro Ingrao was an Italian politician, journalist and former partisan. For many years he was a senior figure in the Italian Communist Party (PCI). Christian Democracy (DC) was a Christian democratic political party in Italy. 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: 20.2 x 30.3 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)