

Basic Detail Report

Communist symbols at a military rally

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The hammer and sickle () or sickle and hammer is a Communist symbol that was conceived during the Russian Revolution. At the time of creation, the hammer stood for industrial labourers and the sickle for the peasantry; combined they stood for the worker-peasant alliance for socialism and against reactionary movements and foreign intervention. The Italian Communist Party (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. 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.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.4 x 30.3 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)