

Communist party members at an anti-

Pinochet demonstration

Date

1973-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

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. Protesters demonstrate in support of democracy in Chile, in the name of Salvador Allende, Chile's head of state who died under controversial circumstances when his government was overthrown by in a coup d'état under Pinochet, and with the support of the US CIA on 11 September 1973. The 1973 Chilean coup d'état was a watershed event in both the history of Chile and the Cold War. Following an extended period of social and political unrest between the centre-right dominated Congress of Chile and the elected socialist President Salvador Allende, as well as economic warfare ordered by US President Richard Nixon, Allende was overthrown by the armed forces and national police.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.3 x 30.3 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)