

# Basic Detail Report

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## A young boy walks in a street in Matera, Italy

### Date

1969-1979

### Medium

gelatin silver print

### Description

Graffiti on the wall reads: 'In Italia come in Cile è giunta l'ora del fucile', L.C." [ 'In Italy, like in Chile, it is time for guns, L. C.] Matera is a city and a province in the region of Basilicata, in southern Italy. It is the capital of the province of Matera and the capital of Basilicata from 1663 to 1806. The town lies in a small canyon carved out by the Gravina. Matera was known as “the shame of Italy” for its dismal poverty. In the 1950s, the entire population of roughly 16,000 people, mostly peasants and farmers, were relocated from the Sassi to new housing projects in an ill-conceived government program, leaving it an empty shell. 'L. C.' = Lotta Continua, (Italian: Lotta Continua, LC) was a far left extra-parliamentary organization in Italy. It was founded in autumn 1969 by a split in the student-worker movement of Turin, which had started militant activity at the universities and factories such as Fiat. The first issue of Lotta Continua's eponymous newspaper was published in November 1969, and publication continued until 1982 after the organization disbanded in 1976.

### Dimensions

Overall: 20.7 x 30.6 cm (8 1/8 x 12 in.)