

Basic Detail Report

Christian Democratic politician Angelo

Bernassola visits his ally and friend, the Chilean Christian Democrat Bernardo Leighton in hospital, where he was recovering from an assassination attempt made on him and his wife in Rome, October 1975

Date

1975-1976

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Angelo Bernassola was a politician with the Christian Democrats (DC), dealing mainly in its international relations. He was general secretary and vice-president of the International Christian Democratic (IDC), and founder of the International Forum, where, through regular meetings, he would discuss with various democratic governments' Christian leaders, parliaments of Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Bernardo Leighton Guzmán was a Chilean Christian Democrat and vice-president and served as a deputy until the Chilean coup d'état of 1973, when he went into exile. It was during this, in Rome, walking with his wife on October 6, 1975, that an assassination attempt was carried out against him. The neofascist Italian activist Stefano Delle Chiaie shot and seriously injured Bernardo Leighton, and his wife, Anita Fresno, leaving her permanently disabled.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.3 x 30.2 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)