

Basic Detail Report

Two fire fighters putting out a blaze at

Rome University after a student protest

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Firemen extinguish a fire caused probably by an explosion during a demonstration (possibly at Rome University).

During the 1970s (the 'years of led') there were frequent protests that ended up with violence, rioting or fires caused by explosions - some demonstrations ended with police and demonstrators shooting at each other, and many people were killed. In this photograph we see fire and smoke probably caused by a molotov bomb or other arson, after a demonstration. Many students belonged to activist groups, both left- and right-wing, not affiliated with any formal political party.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.2 x 24.3 cm (7 1/8 x 9 5/8 in.)