

Basic Detail Report

Armed riot police on one side of the street and pedestrians on the other during the occupation of the University

Date

1977-1977

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The occupation of Rome University: <https://libcom.org/library/10-rome-university>. On February 1st 1977 100 Fascists invaded the campus of Rome University. They shot at comrades who had gathered there to protest against Malfatti's anti-progressive education reform bill. Two people were wounded - one seriously, with a bullet in his head. The next day, thousands of students responded with a mass demonstration outside the branch office of the MSI (Italian neo-Fascist party) near Termini station. The police open fire with sub-machine guns. No Fascist had been arrested for the invasion of the University. All across the country a wave of occupations begins in colleges and universities. Two days later, February 17th, Mr Luciano Lama, a top Union boss and a member of the Communist Party, enters Rome University to "talk sense" to the students, accompanied by a couple of hundred CP strong-arm heavies and many shop stewards hastily summoned from the factories at the last minute to "defend the University which is occupied by Fascists." It ended in a riot with Lama and his supporters chased away.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 36.3 cm (9 5/8 x 14 2/8 in.)