

Basic Detail Report

Member of the PSI at a commemoration

procession for the Ardeatine massacre

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Italian Socialist Party (PSI) was a socialist and later social-democratic political party in Italy founded in Genoa in 1892. The Ardeatine massacre, or Fosse Ardeatine massacre (Italian: Eccidio delle Fosse Ardeatine) was a mass killing carried out in Rome on 24 March 1944 by German occupation troops during the Second World War as a reprisal for a partisan attack conducted on the previous day in central Rome against the SS Police Regiment Bozen. Subsequently, the Ardeatine Caves site (Fosse Ardeatine) was declared a Memorial Cemetery and National Monument open daily to visitors. Every year, on the anniversary of the slaughter and in the presence of the senior officials of the Italian Republic, a solemn State commemoration is held at the monument in honor of the fallen. In the demonstration photographed here, probably a procession commemorating the event, the victims of the massacre are invoked as the representatives of the resistance against Fascism. On the placard: 'I martiri delle Fosse Ardeatine sono risorti vivi in nostra memoria, gridano: NO al fascismo, NO al referendum fascista', 'Partito Socialista Italiano, Sezione Torrenova' ['The martyrs of the Fosse Ardeatine are resurrected in our memory. They shout: NO to Fascism, NO to the Fascist referendum']

Dimensions

Overall: 30.2 x 20.4 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)