

Basic Detail Report

A protest against Spain's dictator Franco

Date

1970-1970

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

A demonstration against Spain's dictator Francisco Franco, a Spanish general who came to power in 1936 and was the dictator of Spain until 1973. Under his autarchic, ruthless semi-fascist regime, the Spanish Civil War was fought (1936-1939), when half a million people were killed. The Basque conflict (1959-2011), started when the Basques, a community in northern Spain, wanted autonomy from Spain, but were forcibly repressed by the dictatorship of Francisco Franco. In the mid-1960s many Basque activists were captured and tortured under Spain's Franco's regime; in 1970 many Basque activists were captured and tried at the 'Trial of Burgos' and sentenced to death (although foreign pressure succeeded in the commutation of the sentences). This photo was probably taken during the demonstrations in Italy in support of the condemned activists. On placards: "No al fascismo" ["NO to Fascism"] "Franco, Fascista, Fuori" ["Franco, Fascist, Out".]

Dimensions

Overall: 36.3 x 24.5 cm (14 2/8 x 9 5/8 in.)