

Basic Detail Report

A protest against Spain's Fascist regime

under Franco

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

On the placard: "N.B.: en Espagne l'objection de conscience est un crime!" [N.B.: in Spain conscientious objection is a crime!] A protest against Spain's Fascist regime under Franco, supporting the Basque separatists who had been condemned to death in the Trial of Burgos, 1970. 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.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 21.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)