

Three people lie down on the street at a protest against NATO installing an operating base in Sicily

Date

1981-1981

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Comiso is a town in Sicily. During the Cold War, on 7 August 1981 it was officially selected as the second European main operating base for BGM-109G Ground Launched Cruise Missiles (GLCM), deployed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in response to the development and deployment of new intercontinental and intermediate range missiles by the Soviet Union. Before NATO installed its operating base there, the inhabitants protested against it being turned into a military base. On the banner we read: 'No i cruise a Comiso: Fuori la NATO dall'Italia' 'No to cruise missiles in Comiso: NATO out of Italy' PCI flags

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 18.1 cm (9 5/8 x 7 1/8 in.)