

Basic Detail Report

A demonstrator at an Anti Nuclear protest in

Rome

Date

1976-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

On the placard: On placard: "Avete mai pensato a una Seveso atomica?" ["Have you ever imagined a Seveso nuclear disaster?"] Seveso, a town in northern Italy, was the site of an industrial accident in 1976, when a chemical manufacturing plant released dioxine in the environment, causing a chemical disaster of unprecedented proportions. The chemical released caused the death of thousands of animals, and injured children and inhabitants of a large radius of the region. An advice centre was set up for pregnant women of which only 26 opted for an abortion, which was legal in special cases, after consultation. Another 460 women brought on their pregnancies without problems, their children not showing any sign of malformation or pathologies.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.2 x 20.3 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)