

Basic Detail Report

Two men from the Radical Party stand with banners around their neck in protest against the newspaper 'Il Giorno' in the Party's headquarters in Rome

Date

1974-1974

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Led by Marco Pannella, the Radical Party campaigned for the legalization of abortion throughout the mid-70s, organizing referendums and attracting media attention around the world. The controversy was, however, often suppressed by the Italian media, which were in many cases influenced by the leading political parties (especially Christian Democracy). 'Il Giorno' was a left-leaning newspaper; but in 1974 its director, Gaetano Afeltra, refused to publish Pannella's article on abortion (in spite of his previous support). 'L'articolo di Elia l'ultimo servizio di Girotti a Moro?' ['Elia's article: the last service paid by Girotti to Moro?'] Gaetano Afeltra, (1915-2005) journalist and writer, was the director of the newspaper 'Il Giorno' from 1972 to 1980 Leopoldo Elia (1925-2008) was a politician, academic and writer who belonged to the Christian Democratic party. From 1976 to 1981 he was a judge for the Constitutional Court of Italy; he was the President of the Constitutional Court 1981-1985. Aldo Moro (1916-1978) was the secretary of the Christian Democratic party and became Italy's Prime Minister in 1974; he was assassinated by the Red Brigade in 1978.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.2 x 30.3 cm (8 x 12 in.)