

# Basic Detail Report

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## The trade union CGIL and the PCI take part in a protest against leader of the PSI, Bettino Craxi

### Date

1984-1984

### Medium

resin coated gelatin silver print

### Description

Benedetto Craxi, also known as Bettino, was an Italian politician, and Chairman of the Council of Ministers from 4 August 1983 to 17 April 1987. The Italian Communist Party (PCI) was founded as Communist Party of Italy on 21 January 1921 in Livorno, by seceding from the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). Amadeo Bordiga and Antonio Gramsci led the split. It changed its name in 1943 to PCI and became the second largest political party of Italy after World War II, attracting the support of about a third of the voters during the 1970s. The Italian Socialist Party (PSI) was a socialist and later social-democratic political party in Italy founded in Genoa in 1892. From 1963 the Socialists participated in the centre-left governments, in alliance with Christian Democracy (DC), the Italian Democratic Socialist Party (PSDI) and the Italian Republican Party (PRI). These governments acceded to many of the demands of the PSI for social reform, and laid the foundations for Italy's modern welfare state. However, the PSI lost much of its influence, despite actively participating in the government, and throughout the 60s and 70s the PCI gradually outnumbered it as the dominant political force in the Italian left. It was disbanded in 1994.

### Dimensions

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

