

Students from Liceo Castelnuovo at a protest march together with the actor/director Italo Spinelli

Date

1973-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Liceo Guido Castelnuovo was a high school in Rome, that was at the forefront of student demonstrations from the 1960's-70's. It had a largely left-wing population of students and teachers, and was experimenting with more progressive teaching methods, which were discouraged or repressed by the conservative government. In January 1972 the students and teachers went on strike together and protested alongside unionised workers at a large rally. Also in November 1973, a group of right-wing militants shot one of the left-wing students, leaving him dead. A demonstration of over 10,000 people took place, condemning this provocative act of violence. Italo Spinelli later became a respected Italian director, screenwriter and actor. The protesters carried banners that read: 'Fuori i compagni dalle galere, dentro Voria e le camice nere' ['Freedom for our comrades, jail for the Fascists and for Voria and the Black Shirts [Fascists]']

Dimensions

Overall: 21.6 x 30.3 cm (8 4/8 x 11 7/8 in.)