

Umberto Bossi speaking into microphones

at a conference in 1994

Date

1994-1994

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Umberto Bossi is an Italian politician, former leader of the Lega Nord, a party seeking autonomy or independence for Northern Italy or Padania. In 1998, Bossi received a one-year suspended prison sentence for incitement of violence after he uttered the following sentence at a Lega Nord meeting: "We must hunt down these rascals [neo-fascists], and if they take votes from us, then let's comb the area house by house, because we kicked the fascists out of here once before after the war." He was instrumental in the unexpected victory of Silvio Berlusconi's coalition in 1994, but he broke the alliance after just a few months, with the first Berlusconi cabinet collapsing before Christmas 1994.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 18.1 cm (9 4/8 x 7 1/8 in.)