

Basic Detail Report

Giovanni Leone and Giulio Andreotti in conversation with members of the church

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giovanni Leone was an Italian politician. He was the 37th Prime Minister of Italy. As prime minister, a law was passed in November 1968 that introduced a special benefit for full unemployment. His political career came to an end in 1977 with his resignation as President of the Italian Republic. This was due to allegations made in the USA over Lockheed bribing a number of high-profile politicians in Italy to purchase Hercules Aircraft for the military. Leone and his family were allegedly implicated in the bribery, but the accusations were never proved. Giulio Andreotti was the 41st Prime Minister of Italy and leader of the Christian Democracy party. Over the course of a forty-year political career, being seen as a reassuring figure by the civil service, business community, and Vatican. In foreign policy, he guided Italy's European Union integration, and established closer relations with the Arab world. At the height of his prestige as a statesman, Andreotti was subjected to damaging criminal prosecutions. Charged with colluding with Cosa Nostra, courts found he had broken the links by the eighties, and ruled the case out of time.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.4 x 30.3 cm (8 x 12 in.)