

# Basic Detail Report

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**Giovanni Leone, and a man standing behind**

**him wearing a communist arm band**

**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.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 30.5 x 20.3 cm (12 x 8 in.)