

Giovanni Leone and Emilio Colombo

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Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giovanni Leone was an Italian politician. He was the 37th Prime Minister of Italy. In 1971 he succeeded Giuseppe Saragat as President of Italy, being elected with votes of a right-centre majority of the Parliament. 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. The accusations were never proved.

Emilio Colombo was an Italian politician and the Prime Minister of Italy from 1970 to 1972. He was a member of the Christian Democracy.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.7 x 30.4 cm (8 4/8 x 12 in.)