

Ciriaco Luigi De Mita about to throw a bouquet into the crowds at a meeting in a stadium for Christian Democracy supporters

Date

1969-1979

Primary Maker

Grazia Neri

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Ciriaco Luigi De Mita is an Italian politician. He served as the 47th Prime Minister of Italy from 1988 to 1989. As a young man De Mita joined Christian Democracy and entered politics. He rose through the ranks of the party, becoming a member of its council in 1956, a member of Parliament in 1963 and a member of the Italian cabinet in 1973. Christian Democracy was a Christian democratic political party in Italy. The DC was founded in 1943 as the ideological successor of the historical Italian People's Party, which had the same symbol, a crossed shield (scudo crociato). A Roman Catholic, centrist, catch-all party comprising both right- and left-leaning political factions, the DC played a dominant role in the politics of Italy for 50 years from its inception in 1944 until its final demise in 1994 amid a nationwide judicial investigation of systemic political corruption.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 30.9 cm (9 5/8 x 12 1/8 in.)