

Basic Detail Report

Alessandro Natta from the PCI and director

Roberto Benigni, a Communist sympathiser

Date

1969-1989

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Alessandro Natta, was an Italian politician and secretary of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) from 1984 to 1988.

Natta returned to Italy only in August 1945, and joined the PCI in Imperia, dedicating himself to the party full-time.

He was in turn a Comune councillor, secretary of the local PCI federation, and in time a leading participant in the party's internal life, becoming a member of its main organs along with Luigi Longo. A strong supporter of the "Italian road to Socialism", he was close to Enrico Berlinguer, and gained a position in the party Secretariat. In 1969, he drew up the report proposing the expulsion from the party of the Manifesto group. Roberto Benigni, is an Italian actor, comedian, screenwriter and director. In June 1983 he appeared during a public political demonstration by the Italian Communist Party, with which he was a sympathiser, and on this occasion he lifted and cradled the party's national leader Enrico Berlinguer. It was an unprecedented act, given that until that moment Italian politicians were proverbially serious and formal.

Dimensions

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