

Basic Detail Report

Giorgio Amendola, Giancarlo Pajetta,

Luciano Barca and Enrico Berlinguer

Date

1969-1979

Primary Maker

Grazia Neri

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Enrico Berlinguer was national secretary of the Italian Communist Party (Partito Comunista Italiano or PCI) from 1972 until his death. In 1973, having been hospitalised after a car accident during a visit to Bulgaria (now widely considered an attempt on his life on orders from Moscow), Berlinguer wrote three famous articles ("Reflections on Italy", "After the facts of Chile" and "After the Coup [in Chile]") for the intellectual weekly magazine of the party, *Rinascita*. In these he presented the strategy of the so-called Historic Compromise, a proposed coalition between the Italian Communist Party and the Christian Democrats to grant Italy a period of political stability, at a time of severe economic crisis and in a context in which some forces were allegedly manoeuvring for a coup d'état in Italy.

Giorgio Amendola was an Italian writer and politician. Born in Rome in 1907, he was the son of Lithuanian intellectual Eva Kuhn and Giovanni Amendola, a liberal anti-fascist who died in 1926 in Cannes after having been attacked by killers hired by Benito Mussolini. As a result, Amendola secretly joined the Italian Communist Party in 1929 and, after graduating in law, started to propagandize opposition to the Mussolini regime. He became known

(especially in the 1970s) as one of the leaders of the party's right wing, which espoused gradual removal of the ideas of Soviet Communism and Leninism and supported alliances with the more moderate parties, especially the Italian Socialist Party, a concept later called Eurocommunism. Luciano Barca was a journalist, writer, partisan and politician. Giancarlo Pajetta was an Italian communist politician. Pajetta was born in Turin and became a member of the Italian Communist Party during his youth. In 1927, this earned him a two-year prison sentence. In 1948 Pajetta became a member of the National Secretariat of the PCI, with responsibility for its international relationships. He remained in the national secretariat until 1985. He was also elected in the Italian Parliament from 1946 until his death, and in the European Parliament in 1984. He was also repeatedly director of *L'Unità* (PCI's newspaper) and of the Marxist periodical *Rinascita*.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.7 x 30.6 cm (8 1/8 x 12 in.)