

Basic Detail Report

Enrico Berlinguer and Benigno Zaccagnini

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. Benigno Zaccagnini was an Italian politician and physician. Zaccagnini was among the founders of the Democrazia Cristiana (Italian Christian Democracy party). He was confirmed at the Chambers of Deputies until 1979, when he was elected to the Italian Senate.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.9 x 30.8 cm (8 2/8 x 12 1/8 in.)