

Archbishop Mindszenty stepping out of a

plane

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Agostino Casaroli (1914 – 1998) was an Italian Catholic priest and diplomat for the Holy See, who became Cardinal Secretary of State. He was the most important figure behind the Vatican's efforts to deal with the persecution of the Church in the nations of the Soviet bloc after the Second Vatican Council. József Mindszenty (1892 – 1975) was the Prince Primate, Archbishop of Esztergom, cardinal, and leader of the Catholic Church in Hungary from 2 October 1945 to 18 December 1973. For five decades, he personified uncompromising opposition to fascism and communism in Hungary in support of religious freedom. In 1949 Hungary condemned him to life in prison; but in 1956 he was freed and sought asylum at the US embassy, where he lived for 15 years, until Pope Paul VI lifted the excommunication on his political opponents.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 21.1 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)