

Basic Detail Report

Following the car with József Mindszenty

before the Austrian Border in Hungary

Date

1971-1971

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Following the car with József Mindszenty before the Austrian Border in Hungary. József Mindszenty was finally allowed to leave Budapest in 1971 and moved to Austria, where he died in exile in 1975. József Mindszenty 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. During World War II, he was imprisoned by the pro-Nazi Arrow Cross Party. After the war, he opposed communism and the communist persecution in his country. As a result, he was tortured and given a life sentence in a 1949 show trial that generated worldwide condemnation, including a United Nations resolution. After eight years in prison, he was freed in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and granted political asylum by the United States embassy in Budapest, where Mindszenty lived for the next fifteen years. He was finally allowed to leave the country in 1971. He died in exile in 1975 in Vienna, Austria.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.2 x 30.4 cm (8 3/8 x 12 in.)