

Basic Detail Report

**About a thousand farmers in areas affected
by the earthquake in Sicily, came to Rome to claim benefits**

Date

1968-1969

Primary Maker

Keystone Press Agency

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The 1968 Belice earthquake sequence took place in Sicily between 14 and 15 January. The largest shock measured 5.5 on the moment magnitude scale, with five others of magnitude 5+. The maximum perceived intensity was X (Intense) on the Mercalli intensity scale. The earthquake sequence, centred between the towns of Gibellina, Salaparuta and Poggioreale, killed at least 231 people, possibly more than 400, with between 632 and about 1000 injured and left 100,000 homeless. It is known in Italy as Terremoto del Belice.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.2 x 24.4 cm (11 7/8 x 9 5/8 in.)