

Basic Detail Report

A portrait of politician Laura Allende in

Rome between the 10th to 17th January 1976

Date

1976-1976

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Laura Allende was a Chilean politician, a member of the lower chamber of parliament and sister of former president of Chile Salvador Allende. In 1965, she was elected deputy for Santiago and Talagante. In 1969 she was reelected, and again in 1973. During this time she was part of two international delegations: first to Havana in 1971, and then to China, in May 1973. At that time, she already was showing the first symptoms of the lymphatic cancer that was to haunt her till the end of her life. On November 2, 1974 she was arrested together with her daughter Marianne. The two were taken to the prison camp of Cuatro Alamos. Later exiled from the country, she relocated to Mexico. In 1976 she moved to Cuba, where she lived until her death. She committed suicide in Havana, Cuba, on May 23, 1981. After Chile's return to democracy in 1990, her body was returned and on August 28, 1998, she was reinterred at the Allende family mausoleum in Santiago.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.5 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)