

Five people protesting on the roof of a building against the unexplained death of Pino Pinelli and the incarceration of Peter Valpreda, accused of The Piazza Fontana bombings

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giuseppe "Pino" Pinelli was an Italian railroad worker and anarchist, who died while being detained by police in 1969. Pinelli was a member of the Milan-based Anarchist association named "Ponte della Ghisolfia". He was also the secretary of the Italian branch of the Anarchist Black Cross. His death, believed by many to have been caused by members of the police, inspired Nobel Prize winner Dario Fo to write his famous play titled Accidental Death of an Anarchist. Peter Valpreda was an anarchist, writer, poet and dancer, known for his involvement in the judicial process for the massacre of Piazza Fontana, for which he was later acquitted. In the days following the massacre of Piazza Fontana, Valpreda was held in custody, with Giuseppe Pinelli (who died in unclear circumstances, falling from the window of the police station), because of the testimony of the taxi driver Cornelio Rolandi, who claimed to have taken Valpreda in his taxi. According to Rolandi, Valpreda arrived with a case and then came back to the taxi without it. The Piazza Fontana bombing was a serious terrorist attack made on December 12, 1969, in the centre of Milan.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.1 x 30.2 cm (8 2/8 x 11 7/8 in.)