

Basic Detail Report

Politician Loris Fortuna watches as a woman confronts a lawyer

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Loris Fortuna was an Italian left-wing politician, and former Member of Parliament since 1963. His first ran in elections in 1963; two years later, he promoted, as first signer, the law on divorce, but he then decided not to submit it to the examination on Parliament. In 1970, however, Fortuna decided to finally present his proposal of law, together with liberal colleague Antonio Baslini, gaining support from the PCI, the Radical Party and the left wing, but opposed by the Christian Democracy. The law, which legalized and regulated divorce in Italy, was then approved on December 1, 1970. In 1974, Christian Democracy tried to repeal it via a national referendum, but failed, with 59.3% of Italians favourable to maintain the law on divorce. During the referendum campaign, Fortuna bound up with Radical leader Marco Pannella, and then joined his party, but continuing to be member of the Socialist Party.

Dimensions

Overall: 21.3 x 30.3 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)