

The Federation of Italian Communist Youth

march for the Pro Chile demonstration

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Federation of Italian Communist Youth (FGCI) is the youth wing of the Party of Italian Communists. Protesters demonstrate in support of democracy in Chile, in the name of Salvador Allende, Chile's head of state who died under controversial circumstances when his government was overthrown by in a coup d'état under Pinochet, and with the support of the US CIA on 11 september 1973. The 1973 Chilean coup d'état was a watershed event in both the history of Chile and the Cold War. Following an extended period of social and political unrest between the centre-right dominated Congress of Chile and the elected socialist President Salvador Allende, as well as economic warfare ordered by US President Richard Nixon, Allende was overthrown by the armed forces and national police.

Dimensions

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