

Basic Detail Report

A couple kiss among proponents of the

Italian divorce law demonstrating for its adoption in parliament

Date

1970-1970

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Divorce was introduced in Italy by law of 1 December 1970. A referendum supported by Catholic organisations and by the Vatican was defeated on May 12, 1974. Before 1970, there was no provision for divorce in Italian law, and the difficulty of ridding oneself of an unwanted spouse in the absence of any legal way to do so was a frequent topic of drama and humour, reaching its apotheosis in the 1961 film *Divorce, Italian Style*.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 21.1 cm (12 x 8 2/8 in.)