

Basic Detail Report

Enrico Berlinguer followed by Pietro Ingrao

and Edoardo Perna

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Pietro Ingrao was an Italian politician and journalist. For many years he was a senior figure in the Italian Communist Party (PCI). He was the first Communist to become President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, a position he held from 1976 to 1979. Edoardo Perna was a politician. He was a member of the PCI. He was elected senator for six times (1963-1983) and for three terms, from 1973 to 1983, he was head of the PCI group in the Senate. Enrico Berlinguer was national secretary of the Italian Communist Party (Partito Comunista Italiano or PCI) from 1972 until his death. In 1973, having been hospitalised after a car accident during a visit to Bulgaria (now widely considered an attempt on his life on orders from Moscow), Berlinguer wrote three famous articles ("Reflections on Italy", "After the facts of Chile" and "After the Coup [in Chile]") for the intellectual weekly magazine of the party, *Rinascita*. In these he presented the strategy of the so-called Historic Compromise, a proposed coalition between the Italian Communist Party and the Christian Democrats to grant Italy a period of political stability, at a time of severe economic crisis and in a context in which some forces were allegedly manoeuvring for a coup d'état in Italy.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 21.1 cm (11 7/8 x 8 2/8 in.)

