

Italian Communist politicians Giancarlo

Pajetta and Luigi Longo

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Luigi Longo also known as Gallo, was an Italian communist politician and secretary of the Italian Communist Party from 1964 to 1972. After the war he was a member of the National Congress and in 1946 was elected to the Constituent Assembly. He was subsequently elected, and repeatedly re-elected, to the Italian Chamber of Deputies on the PCI list and was a member of the party leadership. In 1964, after the death of Palmiro Togliatti, he became secretary of the PCI, declaring that he was "a secretary, not a boss". In this role, he continued Togliatti's line, known as the "Italian road to Socialism", playing down the alliance between the Italian Communist Party and the Soviet Union. He reacted without hostility to the new left movements that sprung up in 1968 and, among the leaders of the PCI, was one of those most disposed to engage with the new activists, although he did not condone their excesses. Giancarlo Pajetta was an Italian communist politician. Pajetta was born in Turin and became a member of the Italian Communist Party during his youth. In 1948 he became a member of the National Secretariat of the PCI and rose to become highly respected in the party, and was not afraid to disagree with older members.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 30.8 cm (9 5/8 x 12 1/8 in.)

