

Basic Detail Report

PCI politicians Giorgio Amendola, Umberto

Terracini, Pietro Secchia and Girolamo Li Causi

Date

1969-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Girolamo Li Causi (1896 – 1977) was an Italian politician and a leader of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). He was actively involved in the post war struggle for land reform and against the Mafia in Sicily. He labelled the 'large estate' (the latifondo) Sicily's central problem. Pietro Secchia was a politician and anti-Fascist, and was a high up and important member of the Italian Communist Party. From the late Sixties he devoted himself to international politics , he fought for the emancipation and independence of Africa. In January 1972 he flew to Chile, where he supported the progressive government of Salvador Allende : - he was the last western leader to visit the Latin American nation before the advent of the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet . On his return to Italy he was seized by an illness that kept him between life and death for some months. Although he did not have the evidence to, he believed that he was poisoned by the CIA . He died in July 1973. Umberto Elia Terracini was a politician and anti-Fascist, he was also the president of the ' Constituent Assembly and leader of the Italian Communist Party. Giorgio Amendola was an Italian writer and politician. Born in Rome in 1907, he was the son of Lithuanian intellectual Eva Kuhn and Giovanni Amendola, a liberal anti-fascist who died in 1926 in Cannes after having been attacked by killers hired by Benito Mussolini. As a result, Amendola secretly joined the Italian Communist Party in 1929 and, after graduating in law,

started to propagandize opposition to the Mussolini regime. He served as deputy for the Italian Communist Party from 1948 until his death in 1980. He became known (especially in the 1970s) as one of the leaders of the party's right wing, which espoused gradual removal of the ideas of Soviet Communism and Leninism and supported alliances with the more moderate parties, especially the Italian Socialist Party.

Dimensions

Overall: 21 x 30.3 cm (8 2/8 x 11 7/8 in.)