

Basic Detail Report

Prominent Communist politicians walk in a sombre line after the funeral of Pietro Secchia, an important member of the Italian Communist Party, who died after a long illness in July 1973. From left, they are Paolo Bufalini, Giancarlo Pajetta, Armando Cossutta, Umberto Terracini, Enrico Berlinguer and Emilio Sereni

Date

1973-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

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. Emilio Sereni (1907 - 1977) was a writer and intellectual, a partisan, politician (with the Communist Party) and historian of Italian agriculture, having written the popular 'History of the Italian Agricultural Landscape'. 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. Enrico Berlinguer was an Italian politician; he was national secretary of the Italian Communist Party from 1972 until his death. Armando Cossutta was an Italian communist politician. Born in Milan, Cossutta joined the Italian Communist Party (PCI) in 1943, and took part in the Italian resistance movement as a partisan. After World War II, he became one of the leading members of the party, representing the most pro-Soviet Union tendency; his belief in that country as the "Leading state" of communism led him to criticise Enrico Berlinguer. 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 PCI and rose to become highly respected in the party, and was not afraid to disagree with older members. Paolo Bufalini (1915 - 2001) was a politician and Italian partisan. Several times a member of Parliament, he was among the top leaders of the Italian Communist Party, with important responsibilities in foreign relations and, in particular, with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.6 x 24.1 cm (7 3/8 x 9 4/8 in.)