

Women pay tribute at the funeral of Pietro

Secchia, a communist party politician

Date

1973-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Women lining up to pay tribute to Pietro Secchia, a communist party politician, at his funeral as the pallbearers carry the coffin out of church. 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.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.2 x 24.6 cm (7 1/8 x 9 5/8 in.)