

## Pallbearers carrying the coffin of Pietro

### Secchia before a crowd of Italian Communist Party supporters

#### Date

1973-1973

#### Medium

gelatin silver print

#### Description

Pallbearers carrying the coffin of Pietro Secchia out of the church to a crowd of Italian Communist Party supporters, their fists raised in the air. 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: 18.3 x 24.6 cm (7 2/8 x 9 5/8 in.)