

Basic Detail Report

Three Italian Communist party politicians,

from left, Girolamo Li Causi, Pietro Secchia and Umberto Terracini

Date

1969-1973

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Girolamo Li Causi was an Italian politician and a leader of the Italian Communist Party. He was actively involved in the post war struggle for land reform and against the Mafia in Sicily. He labelled the large estate 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 (1895 - 1983) was an Italian politician and anti-Fascist, and president of the Constituent Assembly and leader - however always criticising its rulings - of the Italian Communist Party.

Dimensions

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