

Basic Detail Report

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Date

1978-1978

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Large crowds gather at a Communist Party rally, including members of the trade union CGIL. A protest placard in the crowd refers to political trouble in Iran. The Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) is a national trade union centre in Italy. In 1950, socialists and Christian democrats split forming UIL and CISL, and since then the CGIL has been influenced by the Communist Party (PCI). The Italian Communist Party (PCI) was founded as Communist Party of Italy on 21 January 1921 in Livorno, by seceding from the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). Amadeo Bordiga and Antonio Gramsci led the split. Outlawed during the Fascist regime, the party played a major part in the Italian resistance movement. It changed its name in 1943 to PCI and became the second largest political party of Italy after World War II, attracting the support of about a third of the voters during the 1970s. At the time it was the largest communist party in the West

Dimensions

Overall: 20.5 x 31 cm (8 1/8 x 12 2/8 in.)