

Two nuns pass posters for the Communist

Party's Festa de l'Unità

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Festa de l'Unità is an annual social-democratic celebration in Italy, originally organised by the Italian Communist Party to finance and spread its official newspaper l'Unità ("Unity"). Typical aspects are low-price or free local foods, live music, prize games and street markets. Small events start in July, but the main events take place in September. The Italian Communist Party (PCI) was founded as the 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: 21.3 x 30.2 cm (8 3/8 x 11 7/8 in.)