

Enrico Berlinguer and Thomas Morlino sit

together at an unspecified political event

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Enrico Berlinguer was national secretary of the Italian Communist Party (Partito Comunista Italiano or PCI) from 1972 until his death. In 1973, having been hospitalised after a car accident during a visit to Bulgaria (now widely considered an attempt on his life on orders from Moscow), Berlinguer wrote three famous articles ("Reflections on Italy", "After the facts of Chile" and "After the Coup [in Chile]") for the intellectual weekly magazine of the party, Rinascita. In these he presented the strategy of the so-called Historic Compromise, a proposed coalition between the Italian Communist Party and the Christian Democrats to grant Italy a period of political stability, at a time of severe economic crisis and in a context in which some forces were allegedly manoeuvring for a coup d'état in Italy.

Thomas Morlino was an Italian politician, and he was one of the creators of the Italian regional system. He served in the Italian Senate from 1968 , he was the Undersecretary of the Budget from 1973 to 1974 , Minister for the Regions from 1974 to 1976 , Minister for the Budget and Economic Planning and the Regions from 1976 to 1979 , Minister of Justice from 1979 to 1980 , President of the Senate from 9 December 1982 .

Dimensions

Overall: 29.3 x 20.2 cm (11 4/8 x 8 in.)

