

Politicians stand for a minute of silence at
the XXXV National Congress including Francesco de Martino and Pietro Nenni

Date

1963-1963

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Vajont Dam is a disused dam, completed in 1959 in the valley of the Vajont River. On 9 October 1963, during initial filling, a massive landslide caused a man-made megatsunami in the lake in which 50 million cubic metres of water overtopped the dam in a 250-metre (820 ft) wave, leading to the complete destruction of several villages and towns, and 1,917 deaths. Pietro Nenni was an Italian socialist politician, the national secretary of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and lifetime Senator since 1970. He was a recipient of the Stalin Peace Prize in 1951. He was a central figure of the Italian left from the 1920s to the 1960s. Francesco de Martino was an Italian jurist, politician, lifetime senator and former Vice President of the Council of Ministers. He was considered by many to be the conscience of Italian Socialist Party

Dimensions

Overall: 20.4 x 30.7 cm (8 x 12 1/8 in.)