

Portrait of Antonio Segni drinking an

espresso

Date

1964-1964

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Antonio Segni was an Italian politician who was the 34th Prime Minister of Italy (1955–1957, 1959–1960), and the fourth President of the Italian Republic from 1962 to 1964. Adhering to the centrist Christian Democratic party, he was the first Sardinian ever to become Prime Minister of Italy. Segni was elected President of the Italian Republic on 6 May 1962 (854 to 443 votes). He suffered a serious cerebral haemorrhage while working at the presidential palace on 7 August 1964. At the time he was 73 years old and the first prognosis were not positive. He only partially recovered, and he retired from office on 6 December 1964. In the interim, the President of the Senate Cesare Merzagora served as acting president.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.5 x 20.5 cm (12 x 8 in.)