

Basic Detail Report

An open letter from the Red Brigades at the

MSI headquarters in Padua

Date

1974-1974

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

In June 1974, the Red Brigades committed their first homicide. Two members of the Italian neo-fascist party, Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI) were killed in Padua during a raid to the MSI headquarters. The Italian Social Movement (MSI) was a neo-fascist and post-fascist political party in Italy. The Red Brigades (Brigate Rosse often abbreviated BR) was a left-wing paramilitary organisation, based in Italy, responsible for numerous violent incidents, including assassinations, kidnapping and robberies during the so-called "Years of Lead". Formed in 1970, the organisation sought to create a "revolutionary" state through armed struggle, and to remove Italy from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The Red Brigades attained notoriety in the 1970s and early 1980s with their violent attempts to destabilise Italy by acts of sabotage, bank robberies, kidnappings and murders.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.6 x 21.9 cm (12 x 8 5/8 in.)