

Marco Pannella at a Radical party board

meeting, June 1976

Date

1976-1976

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Radical Party (Partito Radicale, PR) was a political party in Italy. For decades it was a bastion of liberalism and radicalism in Italy and proposed itself as the strongest opposition to the Italian political establishment, seen as corrupt and conservative. Although it never reached high shares of vote and never participated in government, the party had close relations with the other parties of the Italian left, from the Republicans and the Socialists to the Communists and Proletarian Democracy, and opened its ranks also to members of other parties, through "double membership". Marco Pannella (born 1930) is an Italian politician. He is the historic leader of the Radical Party (the first expression of the Radicals in post-World War II Italy was the Italian Radical Party, founded in 1955). In his political career, Pannella co-founded a series of organizations such as the Italian league for divorce, the League for objection of conscience, the League for the abrogation of the Agreement between the Catholic Church and the Italian State (Concordat), the Centre of legal initiative "Pietro Calamandrei", as well as the Italian Association for Demographic Education (AIED). He has been at the forefront of the promotion important reforms regarding

narcotics, facing incarceration on various occasions for his civil disobediences. He played a prominent role in the pro-choice movement in Italy that led to the legalization of abortion in 1978. He also promoted actions to grant electoral rights for Italians aged 18.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 31.3 cm (9 4/8 x 12 3/8 in.)