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Italy

Giulio ANDREOTTI - Prime Minister

Giulio ANDREOTTI was born in Rome on January 14, 1919. He holds a degree in law. ANDREOTTI began his political career in Catholic students' organizations in 1942. The DC's National Congress in Naples elected him to the party's National Council in August 1944, a post in which he has been reconfirmed by all subsequent party congresses.

Elected to the Constituent Assembly in 1946 and to the Chamber of Deputies since 1948, he held a variety of government positions: Under-Secretary to the Premier's Office under De Gasperi from May 1947 to January 1954; Minister of the Interior in the 1st Fanfani cabinet in 1954; Minister of Finance from July 1955 to July 1958; Minister of Defence in the 2nd Moro governments (1963-66); Minister of Industry from 1966 to 1968 under the 3rd Moro cabinet and 2nd Leone cabinet.

ANDREOTTI was then Christian Democratic Party whip in the Chamber of Deputies from 1969 to 1972, when he was appointed to form the government. ANDREOTTI's first government, an all-DC affair, lasted from February to June 1972, whereupon he formed a center-right coalition in the wake of the general elections. When Mariano Rumor revived the center-left coalition in July 1973, ANDREOTTI entered the government as Minister of Defence. He also served as Minister of Defence in the 5th Rumor government (March-October 1974). ANDREOTTI was Budget Minister in the 4th and 5th Moro cabinets.