

SUMMARY

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO NATIONAL HUNGARIAN PARTY OF ROMANIA 1.

Minutes of elected bodies

Due to the absence of sources, the history of the inter-war Hungarian community in Romania is not yet written in depth.

The records of the National Hungarian Party (1922-1938) constitute some of the most important written materials of the period. They were passed on to be kept in the archives of the Transylvanian Museum Association at the beginning of the 1940s, and were later given to Kálmán Szentmártoni, the archivist of the Unitarian College, for work in connection with the history of the party. Due to the war years that history could not be written, while at the end of the 1940s the records disappeared in terms of access for researchers, since the state security organs transferred them to a special department of the archives. There they were processed at the end of 1980s. The catalogue is still marked SECRET. The material containing nearly eight thousand folios in IV volumes and 25 lots became part of the Kolozsvár State Archives (Fond 1283) in the mid-1990s.

The documents represent a significant part of the Hungarian Party's records, the minutes of leading bodies, reports, memorials, proposals, complaints, applications, draft measures, notes and statements concerning elections, correspondence, as well as attestations for school and pension matters. These are all valuable sources for historians.

From the above records this volume includes the surviving texts of 110 minutes of the Hungarian Party's leading bodies, i.e. Executive Committee, Presidential Council, Parliamentary group and general assembly. They are published in four parts, in time sequence and are numbered in the chapters. The texts of negotiations, discussions and contributions are printed in normal type, while the texts of resolutions are printed in italics. Notes and several types of indexes are used, indicating the literature referred to. Annexes are rarely published, though the *Appendix* contains the Hungarian Party's MPs' and senators' more than 500 contributions in the two chambers of the Romanian Parliament, and also the list of names of those elected at the Party's general assemblies to the leading bodies.

This publication of source material is preceded by a foreword and an introductory study. Its rich historical set of documents supplements our political knowledge and casts light on smaller issues, local aspects, the careers of political personalities and the history of Hungarian-Romanian relations.

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