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Abstract: This research focuses on the life of Cardinal Alfonso Visconti reconstructing the years of his religious formation until his arrival in Rome: from the activity carried out at the Congregation of the Oratory founded by San Filippo Neri, to the diplomatic career conducted in the service of the Holy See. After serving in Portugal and Prague, at the court of Rudolf II, between 1595 and 1598 he was sent on a diplomatic mission, as nuncio, to the Prince of Transylvania Zsigmond Báthory. His mission took place in a dramatic historical phase for Danubian-Balkan Europe, threatened by the power of the Turkish “infidel”. The article aims to reconstruct the main phases of Visconti's difficult mission, which had been sent to this peripheral part of the continent, but very important on a geopolitical level, with the aim of creating the anti-Turkish crusade so much desired by Pope Clement VIII

Keywords: Transylvania; anti-Turkish crusade; Eastern Europe; the Holy See; diplomacy

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Keywords: Haralambie; Cuza; dethronement; conspiracy; lodge; masonry

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Keywords: gender; Transylvania; Great Union; women reunions; national identity

Emil Tătar, *Problemele economice ale Protopopiatelor Greco-Catolic și Ortodox Târgu Mureș în perioada septembrie 1940 - octombrie 1944*, (The Economical Issues of the Greek-Catholic and Orthodox Deaneries of Târgu Mureș between September 1940 and October 1944), p. 53

Abstract: The Greek-Catholic and Orthodox Deaneries of Târgu Mureș were part of the ceded territory through The Vienna Arbitration. The economic issues that the two deaneries faced during World War II were complex and varied. The first one was related to the seizure of the majority of the harvest collected on the church territory in the autumn of 1940. The living of the clergy and their families was affected also by the payment delayed until February 1941. Beside all of these, the economical stability was affected, for a longer period of time, by the loss of their lands, which constituted a source for additional revenues, especially for the poorer parishes. Some of the investments in building new churches were in vain. Two churches were demolished by unknown authors during 1941. The economic problems, that the two deaneries faced, have returned to the previous situation after the liberation of the Northern Transylvania.

Keywords: church; parish; Mureș; revenue; economic issues

Francesco Randazzo, *The Diplomatic Action of Pietro Quaroni. The Relations between Italy and the USSR in the Period between 1944 and 1945*, p. 73

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Keywords: diplomatic actions; Pietro Quaroni; Italy; Soviet Union; Italian-Soviet relations

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Abstract: The paper examines the process of the Turkish nation building process starting from the premises that whether we talk about culture, religion, ethnicity, language, traditions or other elements nations identify with and take pride in, continuity in time is an essential requirement to legitimize the bases of national identity in the nationalist discourse.

Keywords: The Ottomans; Turkish nation; identity; the Kemalists; the nation building process

Adrian Scheianu, *Considerații de natură istorică privind nașterea identității naționale cubaneze*, (Historical Considerations Regarding the Creation of the Cuban National Identity), p. 101

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Keywords: Cuba; national identity; creoles; independence; Latin America; colonies; Spain

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