

Situația din Transilvania de Nord în ultimele luni ale anului 1940 în viziunea Consulatului German din Cluj / The Situation in Northern Transylvania in the Last Months of 1940 According to the German Consulate in Cluj

Abstract:

It is a well-known fact that, following the second German-Italian arbitration on 30 August 1940, Romania was forced to cede Northern Transylvania, a territory of approximately 42,000 square kilometres with a population of about 2.5 million inhabitants, to Hungary. The novel document that we publish comes from the archives of the German Consulate of Cluj and was kept in the Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes Berlin. This document is a detailed report drawn up on 20 December 1940 by the German Consul in Cluj, Ulrich von der Damerau-Dambrowski (1900–1980), on the situation in Northern Transylvania following the establishment of the Hungarian civil administration. The report is structured in five parts and drawn up from the discoveries made by the German consul on site and from information received from all the regions of his jurisdictional constituency – particularly from those inhabited by Germans – and represents a complete picture of the political, economic and social situation in Northern Transylvania in the relatively short period between the introduction of the Hungarian civil administration in late November 1940 and the date when the document was written. The report reveals the clear discontent of the local Hungarian population itself with regard to the policies and measures implemented by the government in Budapest then headed by Prime Minister Pál Teleki, and the author further details the negative, discriminatory – most of the times overtly hostile – attitude adopted by the Hungarian authorities towards the German, and particularly to the Romanian, minorities.

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