

Selected records related to A.C. Cuza and the National Christian Party RG-25.059M

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Descriptive summary

Title: Selected records related to A.C. Cuza and the National Christian Party

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1934-1943 (bulk)

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Scope and content of collection

Contains records relating to A. C. Cuza, a leading anti-Semite in Romania and the leader of the National Christian Party (PNC) which was in power December 1937 to February 1938. Also contains records relating to Istrate Micescu, the Justice Minister of the PNC administration.

Administrative Information

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Existence and location of originals: Arhivele Naționale ale României

Historical note

The National-Christian Defense League (Romanian: Liga Aparării Naționale Creștine or LANC) was a virulently anti-Semitic political party of Romania formed by A. C. Cuza. The group had its roots in the National Christian Union, formed in 1922 by Cuza and the famed physiologist Nicolae Paulescu. This group, which used the swastika as its emblem, morphed in to the LANC in 1923. The LANC became associated with extreme anti-Semitism, calling for a gradual withdrawal of rights for Jews which would include the withdrawal of political rights for all Jews, the withdrawal of citizenship for most and a gradual policy of appropriation of Jewish land and businesses. The party banner became the flag of Romania with a swastika in the center. Much of LANC's ideas were framed within theological arguments which were created by Nichifor Crainic, who served as Secretary General of the group. The National Christian Party (Romanian: Partidul Național Creștin) was a Romanian political party, the product of a union between Octavian Goga's National Agrarian Party and A. C. Cuza's National-Christian Defense League; a prominent member of the party was the philosopher Nichifor Crainic. Founded in 1935, and led by Goga, it never received more than about 10% of the vote, but was chosen in December 1937 by King Carol II to form a government. It ruled only 45 days, and was supplanted February 10, 1938 by a royal dictatorship. A. C. Cuza (Alexandru C. Cuza; 1857-1946) was a Romanian far right politician and theorist. Octavian Goga (1881-1938) was a Romanian politician, poet, playwright, journalist, and translator. Born in Rasinari, nearby Sibiu, he was an active member in the Romanian nationalistic movement in Transylvania and of its leading group, the Romanian National Party (PNR) in Austria-Hungary. The regime instituted by Goga and Cuza gave itself a paramilitary wing of Fascist character, the Lancieri ("Lance-bearers"). They borrowed heavily from the Iron Guard, and started competing with it for public attention. Mainly, they were involved in violence against the Jews. Nicolae Paulescu (1869 -1931) was a Romanian physiologist, professor of medicine, and a discoverer of insulin. Paulescu has been criticized for expressing antisemitic and anti-Masonic views in articles such as The Judeo-Masonic plot against the Romanian nation. He was an associate of A. C. Cuza, and wrote extensively for the latter's newspaper Apararea Nationala. He called for the extermination of Jews. Istrate Micescu (1881-1951, was a lyer, politician and Romanian professor who served as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1937-1938).

Indexing terms

Cuza, Alexandru C. 1857-1946.

Goga, Octavian, 1881–1938.

Nicolae Paulescu, 1869-1931.

Micescu, Istrate, 1881-1951.

Liga Apărării Național Creștine.

Partidul Național Creștin.

World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Romania.

Jews--Legal status, laws, etc.--Romania--History.

Fascist propaganda--Romania.
Right-wing extremists--Romania.
Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945)--Romania--History.
Romania--Ethnic relations--Societies, etc.
Romania--Politics and government--1914-1944.

CONTAINER LIST

Note: No folder descriptions currently available.

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