
**THE BANAT ROMANIANS ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE CONGREGATION
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20th CENTURY**

SUMMARY

The countryside congregations discussed and adopted decisions of local importance concerning the administration, economical, social and cultural problems. In the conditions of national-political discrimination practised in Banat and Transylvania by Hungarian governments at the beginning of the 20th century, the Banat Romanians leaders orientated their activity in these official institutions of the counties toward a firm and dignified support of the rights and demands for the majority of population from Banat. All the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the Countryside Congregations condemned the abuses and injustice made by the Austro-Hungarian authorities against the Romanians, firmly defended their national Church and School, sustained the villagers claim regarding the arable ground problems, the pastures and the forests, revealing the multitude of inequities in the Banat society.

On the whole, there were occasions of political education for the Romanians in Banat in order to distinguish their aspiration toward national liberty and unity.