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Romanian Centenary – Nation Building and Chaos

The Romanian nation building project that started in 1859 has been trying to unite and integrate political and social communities as well as to assimilate ethnic and religious groups that significantly differ from each other into a coherent “nation”. The project was not successful, and not only in the case of the Hungarian community, which remained the most significant national community after the German and Jewish communities had been sold under the Ceaușescu-era. Several indications suggest that deep cleavages remained even within the Romanian community, based on which one can question the success of the Romanian-Romanian “nation” building process. Romania aimed to mark 2018 as one of the major symbolic moments of the nation building process; however, the developments of the centenary year so far rather corroborates failure.

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Reminiscences of Persons Relocated to Nemesnádudvar Under the Czechoslovak–Hungarian Population Exchange Agreement. Analysis of Interviews

The topic of the paper is based on my thesis which dealt with the Czechoslovak^{3/4} Hungarian population exchange. In the paper, I analyse interviews conducted with four elderly people who have been living in Nemesnádudvar where they were relocated in the year of 1947. The first part of the paper introduces the history of the exchange agreement and it also contains the short history of Nemesnádudvar, as well as the impacts of the relocations on the village's life. In the second part of the paper I analyse the interviews of the personal views of relocated people and the historical circumstances prevailing at the time of relocation. The reminiscences tell the actions and show how the agreement influenced the further lives of the relatives as well. The path of their lives took different directions. In conclusion, the interviewed people evaluated their past according to their age at the time of the relocation,

to the value of their property lost, and on the social contacts lost in their former homeland. Consequently, the evaluation of the historical events they went through was highly affected by emotions, which led to different results.

Independence vs Integration: Questions on Catalan Autonomy – Conference Presentations by Attila DABIS, Dániel GAZSÓ, Sándor Gyula NAGY and Norbert TÓTH

The conference was part of the series of events dedicated to the issues of Western European territorial autonomies, organized by the Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad. It focused on the Catalan crisis and took place in the Duna Palota in Budapest on January 19, 2018. The invited guest lecturers analysed the Catalan issue from three different perspectives. Norbert Tóth focused on the legal context, Sándor Gyula Nagy examined the economic consequences of the erupting Catalan separatism, and Attila Dabis summarized the results of the December 21, 2017 parliamentary elections of Catalonia. Their presentations were introduced, discussed and transcribed by Dániel Gázsó, research fellow at the organizing institution and co-editor of the journal.

Introduction: Reports on the Protection of Right of National Minorities at the Council of Europe and the European Parliament Compiled by Balázs Tárnok

The debate on the protection of autochthonous national minorities has recently been brought back to the agenda in Europe. At the end of 2017, two important reports were adopted within the framework of the Council of Europe on the protection of regional and minority languages, while in February 2018, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the protection and non-discrimination of autochthonous national minorities in EU Member States. These documents complement each other, and can gain significant role in changing the European approach to the issue of national minority protection.