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The

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of the

Independence of Roumania



Under the Auspices of

"Young Roumanian Social Club"



Saturday Eve., May 8th, 1937

at

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108 West 43rd Street

New York City

To Our Guests and Friends



THE Officers and Members of our Club want to express by means of this page, their appreciation and thanks for your interest as well as for your kind support and co-operation in enabling us to arrange this evening and in testimony of which, we present and dedicate this booklet to you, as a small token of our esteem and affection.

As individuals and as a club, we want to do our utmost to represent what is best in the people whence we came. Faithful to the principles of true Americanism, all of us strive to disseminate knowledge of Roumania and Roumanians among our fellow citizens. In doing this, we hope that our intentions will not be attributed to selfish motives since all we aspire is that the Roumanian people from way back on the slopes of Carpathians or the plains of the Danube, may occupy in the minds of American people, the place they are entitled to for their assiduity to work, frugality, clean life, honesty and thrift.

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The history of Roumania begins with the conquest of Dacia by the Roman Emperor, Marcus Ulpus Trajanus, at about 101 to 103 A. D. Upon the Pillar of Trajanus in Rome are engraved the principal episodes of this conquest.

However, modern Roumania began to take shape only in 1859 when after the Principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia, obtaining some sort of freedom from the enforced "protectorate" of Russia and Turkey, upon being called to elect a reigning prince, both Moldavia on January 5th and Wallachia on January 24th, elected one and the same ruler in the person of **Col. Alexander John Cuza**.

Accordingly, by 1862 the unification was accomplished and the recognition followed.

The new Prince during his reign (1859 to 1866) realized two great reforms: the Secularization of the estates belonging to Monasteries which due to certain conditions attained some one-fifth of the land; and the first agrarian reform by turning over to the peasants the land they tilled.

Due to certain movements on foot, **Cuza** resigned his high position in February of 1866 and the political and other leaders, after due consideration, agreed upon offering the throne to Prince Charles of Hohenzolern-Sigmaringen who, upon accepting, set out for Roumania and entered the Capital City on May 10, 1866.

Prince Charles I, was the founder of the present dynasty.

At the beginning of 1877, after concluding a military convention with Russia tending toward military cooperation in the Russo-Turkish War, the Roumanian Parliament on May 10, 1877 proclaimed Roumania's independence from Turkey.

On May 10, 1881 **Charles I, was crowned King of Roumania** and a period of peace and reconstruction followed during which Roumania progressed both materially and spiritually. However, the Balkan War of 1912-1914, upon reaching certain stages brought about Roumania's intervention for the purpose of quelling the belligerents and the Treaty of Bucarest again brought peace in that area.

On May 10, 1937, Roumanians from everywhere, including United States, celebrated with great fast.

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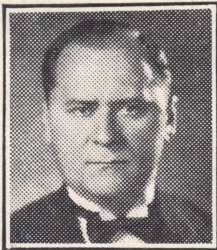
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