

into the new Union Council by illegal means.

- 6 That you urgently send a delegation to brother Josif Ton and present to him your promise that you will resolve the problems which

face you and that you try and persuade him to cease his fast.

May we hope that you will all wake up at the twelfth hour?

12 November 1976.

Resolutions before the Congress

After a joint meeting of the Romanian Baptist Union and the new leadership (elected in December 1975), which was held on 17-18 November, 1976, the following resolutions were drawn up.

1 We all join in prayer to God for the unity and good outcome of the Congress.

2 The leaders of the Associations and the pastors will do all they can at this time to stop any action which might hinder the achievement of unity and peace in the denomination.

3 Between 23 November and 12 December at the conferences of orientation and at the general assemblies of the Associations, to be attended by 159 pastors, 990 officials and 1,200 delegates, the problem of how to prevent further actions which could disturb the unity and peace of the denomination will be tackled.

4 The Council of the Union, representatives of the Associations and leading members of the Associations will

draw up a list of proposals about the new leadership of the Union, which will then be discussed openly with the Department of Cults with the intention of presenting it at the Congress.

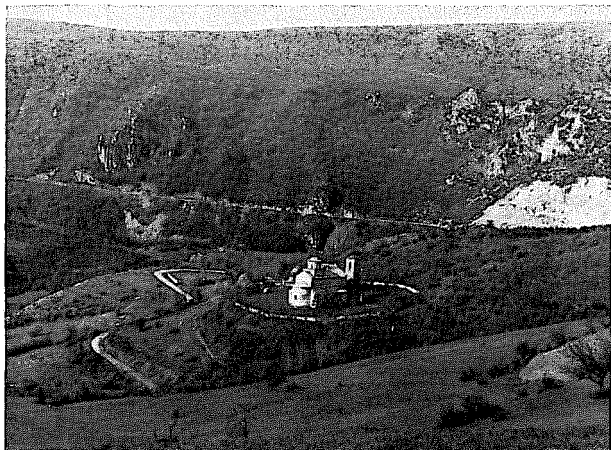
5 The Council of the Union, representatives of the Associations and leaders of the Associations ask the Department of Cults to recognize the office of brothers Pavel Barbatei and Liviu Olah to which they were elected both by their Associations and by representatives of the Union Council. If such recognition is not forthcoming the Department is requested to communicate the decision to the general assemblies of the Associations giving the reasons for this refusal.

6 A meeting of the Union Council, the representatives of the Associations and the Association leaders will establish what forms of action should be taken to prepare for the Congress.

7 The decision of the Congress will be valid for all and no future interventions and protests should be made.

CORRECTION

A news item in RCL Vol. 4, No. 4 (p. 57) stated that "the Pope received President Dazara of Hungary". The President of Hungary is in fact called Gyorgy Lazar. Ed.



The Serbian monastery, Sopotani, seen from the hills above.



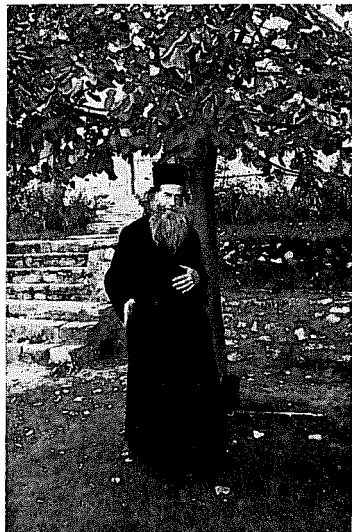
Nuns, priests, bishop and congregation process round the church at Sopotani monastery on St. Cosmas' and St. Damian's Day.

Below left : Whitsunday at the village of Duboka in Yugoslavia. Villagers process with offerings for the dead.

Below : A hermit at the monastery of Zica.

(These photographs are taken from *The Mountains of Serbia* by Anne Kindersley, reviewed on pp. 105-6)

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The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, who visited the USSR last year, speaks to the Chairman of the Jewish Community at the Leningrad Synagogue. (On pp. 76-80 John Lawrence writes about religious Jews in the Soviet Union.)



The Chief Rabbi examines an edition of the Vilna Talmud in the library at the Leningrad Synagogue.