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- Alexandru Vişan, the editor of Era Nouă, a small Rumanian newspaper published in Paris, has recently discussed plans to organize abroad the dissident National Peasant Party of the late Dr. Lupu and the dissident Liberal Party of Gheorghe Tătărescu. Vişan was offered an opportunity to run for parliament on the ticket of the Lupu National Peasants in 1946 and possesses a letter to this effect from the then secretary-general of the Lupu party. Vişan has stated that, using this document as a mandate, he can organize the Lupu National-Peasants in Paris. He believes that, although there might be former members of the Lupu dissident group among Rumanian refugees in Paris, this letter invests him with authority to decide who would properly belong to the party. Vişan is presently seeking candidates for membership in the proposed party among the emigres in Paris.
- Vişan has stated that, when he has secured a number of members for his party, he would publish the letter of 1946 in Era Nouă, together with an announcement that the Lupu party has begun its activity in exile.
- According to Vişan, Richard Franasovici, a close associate of Gheorghe Tătărescu and former Rumanian Minister to London and Bern under the Groza Government, is the ideal man to represent the Tătărescu Liberals abroad. He likewise considers Măe Rizescu, a Tătărescu Liberal, to be a strong political figure. Vişan has stated that the fact that both Franasovici and Rizescu were followers of Gheorghe Tătărescu speaks well for them, "since Tătărescu is an extremely wise and able politician who deserves much from the country as it was only because of him that the country withstood much of the Communist pressure."
- Vişan believes that with the revived Lupu National Peasants and Tătărescu Liberals, together with a Maniu National Peasant Party reorganized by Professor Anton Crihan, Alexander Bunescu and Mihai Raut, a new Council of Political Parties in exile can be set up. But Vişan has stated that he would not play an open role in this plot. In Vişan's opinion, the Rumanian National Committee would thereupon become a "political fiction" since the "truly democratic forces" would be gathered around the "true Council of Political Parties."

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5. Visan has begun discreet conversations with Alexander Dunesco along this line. He has likewise begun talks with Richard Franasovici, who although not actually giving his approval appeared to be very much interested in the plan.
6. Visan considers a reconciliation between Franasovici and Carlos Davila, former Rumanian Minister to Washington, to be possible since Franasovici has broken with former King Carol, the only obstacle between the two men. Inclusion of Davila in the new combination would, in the opinion of Visan, greatly increase its prestige. It should be noted that Alexander Dunesco has recently joined the Rumanian Freemason Lodge in France, of which Visan is an influential member. It is through his Masonic connections that Visan can reach Carlos Davila, who is a thirty-third degree Mason.

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