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1. On 14 October 1948 Rumanians in France chose the following Council for the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Paris:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POLITICAL AFFILIATION</u>
Blaga, Alexandru	Iron Guard
Brătianu, Vintila V.	National Liberal
Chendi, Stefan	Neutral
Comanici, Horatiu	National Peasant
Deleanu, Costin	Iron Guard
Dumitrescu, Gheorgel	Neutral
Gherman, Eftimie	Independent Social Democrat
Litca	Neutral
Lucaci, Rev. Stefan	Iron Guard
Mavrichi, Col. Dumitru	Former Liberal, now neutral
Miloea, Ion	Neutral
Molovanu	Supporter of General Rădescu
Nacu, Atanasie	Neutral
Paladi, Dr. Gheorghe	Iron Guard
Popa, Dumitru	Unknown
Popescu, Ovidiu	Neutral
Popovici, Traian	Iron Guard
Protopopescu, Professor	National Peasant
Radovanu, Traian	Neutral
Rădulescu, Ion	Neutral
Stala, Eugene	Neutral
Teorgan, Dr. Josef	Neutral
Tincoca, Remus	Neutral
Vitu, Traian	Neutral
Vulă, Prof Octavian	Neutral

2. Rev. Stefan Lucaci had earlier been elected Head Priest to succeed Rev. Martinian Ivanovici, who had been earlier associated with the Rumanian Legation but had later refused to return to Rumania and announced his support of King Mihai in the summer of 1948.

3. Following the election of the Council, Rev. Ivanovici, Andrei Bejan, Dr. Petre Aliescu, and Major Ioan Lupoaia, a supporter of General Nicolae Rădescu,

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complained to the French authorities that the church had fallen into the hands of the Iron Guard and was used to hide Horia Sima when he was in Paris. On 19 November 1948 Rev. Stefan Lucaci and Rev. Vasile Boldeanu were interviewed by the police authorities and shortly thereafter were informed that the council election was illegal. They were told that Rev Ivanovici had organized a Rumanian Religion Association which was recognized as legal. Boldeanu was accused by the French authorities of attempting to reorganize the Iron Guard under the protection of the church. All Iron Guard members then resigned from the church council.

4. Following the success of Rev. Ivanovici's manoeuver, the National Peasants in Paris announced their opposition to Communist control of the church. General Radescu has likewise issued instructions to his adherents to oppose Rev Ivanovici.

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