

EDITORIAL NOTE: *The following two letters have by coincidence been received simultaneously.*

TO THE EDITOR:

I should like to enter a correction in my review (*Slavic Review*, Vol. XXV, No. 3, September 1966) of *Dimitrie Gusti*, by Ovidiu Bădina. Between 1949 and 1966 I had been informed by several apparently knowledgeable people that the late Professor Gusti had been subjected to "prolonged imprisonment" and had later been released. Therefore, in good faith, I referred in my review to this reported tragedy as a fact, rather than as a widespread rumor.

I have now received convincing evidence that this distinguished man of science was never imprisoned, but was "merely" subjected to close surveillance, and deprived of all opportunities to continue his work as a scholar and teacher; in his last years, however, he was awarded a special pension for his great services to Rumanian culture and the Rumanian people.

It gives me a deep-felt satisfaction to inform your readers that this great scholar and patriot was treated with dignity in his last years and especially to know that his great achievements are admired in Rumania of today. I regret any pain I may have caused Professor Gusti's friends and admirers, in Rumania or abroad, by my mistaken understanding of his situation in the years 1949-1953.

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TO THE EDITOR:

We deem it our duty to let you know that in *Slavic Review*, No. 3, September 1966, in the review signed by the respected man of science Philip E. Mosely, there are some erroneous assertions. We refer especially to what is written in the last but one passage of the review: "The study of Ovidiu Bădina is incomplete in many ways. For example, it omits any mention of Gusti's prolonged imprisonment by the Communist government . . ." We specify that Dimitrie Gusti was never imprisoned in the years after our homeland's liberation from under the fascist yoke. Moreover, in the last part of his life he enjoyed the pension granted to those who rendered great services to the Romanian state and people.

We thank you for the attention paid to our study, and once again, with a view to inform you, we send you the volume of Dimitrie Gusti, *Pagini alese*, Editura științifică, 1965, and our work *Cercetarea sociologică concretă: Tradiții românești*, Editura Politică, 1966.

We enclose with this a copy of the letter sent to Professor Philip E. Mosely, expressing our hope that it would be inserted in your review.

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