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1. The Colonial Section of the Liaison Bureau worked very hard to promote the influence of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) in all colonial countries of Asia.¹ Its propaganda continually pointed out to the independent countries of Asia the evils of Western colonialism; however, these tactics did not differ greatly from those used in the non-Communist countries.
2. In its attempt to influence Asia, the WFDY sponsored sports events, "ban-the-bomb" petitions, travel for non-Communist students to WFDY functions, etc. Relatively more money was spent on Asia than any other target area and, occasionally, the WFDY even bought mimeographing machines, typewriters, sports equipment, clothing, accordians, etc., for the use of the Asian delegations which attended WFDY functions. For example, a large number of such gifts was given to the various Asian delegations which attended the International Gathering of Rural Youth in Vienna during December 1954.
3. Although the leaders of WFDY were generally complacent regarding their work in most parts of the world, they were particularly self-satisfied about Asia. At the WFDY Headquarters in Budapest, a story circulated which claimed that Bruno Bernini, president of the WFDY, had so aroused the militant youth of the Philippines with a speech on colonialism in Peking during August 1954 that a riot resulted in which 60 persons were killed.² No one at WFDY Headquarters found this story hard to believe.
4. WFDY Headquarters was so busy preparing for its World Congress in Warsaw during summer 1955 that little was being done in the

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Latin American countries with the exception of organizing national festival committees to arrange for as many Latin American youth as possible to attend the Congress in Warsaw.

1.  Comment: WFDY considered Africa, non-Communist Asia, and Central and South America to be "colonial countries".

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2. Cf. 

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