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Although the following report (based on a copy of the directive described) is now out of date, it is transmitted as an illustration of the modus operandi of the Communist authorities.

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- Under date of 3 July 1951 the DDR Ministry of the Interior sent a directive to all DDR ministries and associated bodies in east Berlin on the subject "The carrying out of staff meetings in preparation for the third World Festival of Youth and Students for the purpose of reporting on the Law concerning the Participation of the Youth in School and Work, in Sports and Recreation of 6 February 1950".
- This letter contains the following points:

Para.I: Staff meetings are to be held in all ministries, etc., in the period up to 15 July 1951, with the cooperation of the FDJ, the DGL (Deutsche Sportgemeinschaft), and the DGL (Betriebsgewerkschaftsleitung).

Para.II: Agenda: A report is to be delivered by the head of the pertinent body concerning the implementation of the above named law within the installation in question, with emphasis on staff vacation camps, apprentice schools, apprentice living quarters, trade schools, special rooms for the youth, and arrangements for shop sport programs. A plan is to be drawn up to insure participation of staff members in plays and sports, and in the work of serving as ushers, etc., for the Youth Festival. Resolutions are to be passed in which the staff obligates itself to help in the program, including financial help for youth delegates from West Germany. It is expected that 100,000 youths from east Germany will visit the Festival in East Berlin. Contributions for this purpose are to be deposited to Account III, Weltfestspiele der Jugend und Studenten, Berliner Volksbank No. 69-840.

- The responsible official of each ministry or installation must report in writing at the latest two days after the meeting is held, giving:
 - Date and time of meeting.
 - Number in attendance, divided into groups under and above 25 years.
 - Main points of discussion.
 - Resolutions passed.

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