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The following is an outline of Asian Socialist Conference activites for 1954.

1. The Secretariat will actively engage in controlling and directing political movements in Asian countries and in certain African territories. In the next few months, concentration will be shifted from French to British and Belgian colonies.
2. A Pan-African Socialist Conference is being planned for 1954. Kwame Nkruma's¹ Gold Coast Convention Party and the Libyan Socialist Party will sponsor this conference which is to be similar to the Asian Conference. Asians will show solidarity with the Africans by sending Burmese Defense Minister BA SWE, Sultan Sjahrir of Indonesia², and Jai Prakash Narain of India. The object in supporting the African Socialist movement is to keep the African Socialists away from the east and west power blocs and to "explode the myth of communism's love for freedom of the colonial people".
3. Colonel Wijono of Indonesia, Secretary General of the Anti-Colonial Bureau,³ is now in Cambodia to "contact democratic freedom movements". He is also working in Laos, and plans to enter French held territories if a visa is obtainable. A group of Cambodian Socialist leaders recently contacted the Bureau through special emissaries.
4. The Anti-Colonial Bureau will convene a conference of economic experts in Indonesia in April 1954. A preparatory study committee of economic experts of India, Burma and Indonesia is to be appointed soon, and will probably include KYAW NYEIN.⁴ The main purpose of the conference will be to consider economic cooperation among neutralist Asian countries in terms of "mutual aid and aid that comes from developed western countries". It is planned that the conference will tell Asian countries on what terms to accept foreign aid and how to distribute the aid once it is received.

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5. Other activities of the Anti-Colonial Bureau will include:

- a. The preparation of a detailed study of socio-economic conditions in the colonies and the dispatch of study missions to British and French colonies in Asia and Africa.
- b. The direction of a campaign to instruct Asian settlers in Africa to identify themselves with the cause of the local people.
- c. The direction of a propaganda campaign to influence countries in the United Nations to raise issues in which the Asian Socialists have particular interest.
- d. The organization of "peaceful international brigades" for direct action in areas where there is peaceful resistance against colonial or dictatorial administrations. These brigades will not be sent where there is armed conflict.

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Comments

1. Kwame Nkrumah is the leader of the Gold Coast Convention Party and Prime Minister of the Gold Coast Government.
2. Sutan Sjahrir is head of the Indonesian Socialist Party.
3. The Asian Socialist Conference at Rangoon in January 1953 adopted eight resolutions. A recommendation that an Anti-Colonial Bureau be created as part of the Secretariat of the Asian Socialist Conference was included in the resolution on Freedom Movements in the Colonies. This resolution was adopted at the final plenary session of the Asian Socialist Conference on 15 January 1953.
4. U KYAW NYEIN is the Secretary-General of the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League, the coalition now controlling the Government of Burma.

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