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POLITICS AT BENNINGTON? HERE ARE THE POSSIBILITIES:

1. There will be a third annual conference of the Associated Student Governments May 9, 10, 11 at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City. Its purpose is to discuss types of student government, intercommunications, social programs, involvement in community, and life on campus.
2. There will be a 22nd National Student Congress in El Paso, Texas August 19-29, 1969 to discuss the university's commitment to help fight racism in America, the usefulness of higher education for anything beyond job accreditation, how student governments can keep pace with the rapidly changing forces in higher education. Faculty are also invited.
3. There is a group of students at Amherst College who are organizing to present a petition to the US Senate and the president on the Vietnam War. They will propose that we withdraw troops, stop the bombing, and encourage the South Vietnamese government to negotiate a political settlement with the NFL which would create a government broadly representative of all elements of South Vietnamese society. They are planning to have a meeting in Washington D.C. with senators to discuss the petitions which they have been gathering at colleges and universities. The date of the conference has not yet been settled.
4. Coecilia Yong Yeun Lee, a principle of a school for poor children in Pusan Korea sent the school a letter describing the monetary straits of their school which sounds even worse than Bennington's problems. They need money and supplies. I have a picture and the letter if anyone is interested.
5. There is a L.U.V. Campaign which originated in Stockton Calif. Their object is to lower the voting age to eighteen. They need a coordinator at Bennington.

Students or faculty who want to find out more about any of these events or would like to attend one of the conferences, please get in touch with Tory Cowles, #201, Stokes House.