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SO LONG, MOSCOW — Filmmaker Rober Radnitz (left), Shanta Herzog, executive director of the American Center of Films for Children, and Shelley Duvall (far right) are joined by youngsters in waving goodbye to Russian children on satellite videocast between San Diego and Moscow.

## Russian Bear is Winnie the Pooh

By LAURINDA KEYS

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Scores of American schoolchildren tapped into a Moscow film festival via satellite Wednesday, discussing "Sleeping Beauty" with Soviet youngsters and discovering that the Russian bear can be "Winnie the Pooh."

The children talked and sang with each other, and the Soviet youngsters surprised everyone by breaking into an English rendition of "Do-Re-Mi" from "The Sound of Music."

"It seems like they get educated very well," said Marc Laitin, 9, of San Diego. "They use a lot of big words."

The children — 300 in a studio in Moscow and 105 at a recital hall at the University of California campus in San Diego — were given balloons and confetti to celebrate the closing of the 13th International Film Festival in Moscow.

The satellite hookup was put together by Vladimir Posner — the Soviet journalist Americans often see on TV as a spokesman for the Soviet Union — and communications professor Michael Cole.

They had only one month to plan the encounter, edit segments from children's movies and work out a

script.

The Americans were children of faculty members and participants at a computer camp on campus. They were brought together at the last minute because the Soviets weren't sure the trick could be pulled off until Saturday. Some of the filmmakers also joined in.

At 10:35 a.m. here — 9:35 p.m. in Moscow — the American children plopped down on pillows and rugs in the recital hall.

The idea, said Shanta Herzog of the American Center of Films for Children, was to "show these children they can communicate and meet over many common grounds."

After seeing an American film about Curious George, the monkey who's always getting in trouble, the children were treated to an animated version of a Soviet "Winnie the Pooh."

Then a bespectacled boy in Moscow volunteered: "In the Soviet Union, we love animals. Almost every family has some pet, perhaps a dog or parrot. Now that teaches kindness. Do you like animals?"

About a dozen American children raised their hands eagerly to respond to the attempt at international understanding.