

Moscow, San Diego kids meet by satellite

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A kiddie matinee featuring movies, dancing and lots of questions will link 120 children in San Diego and Moscow via satellite, in the simultaneous broadcast of clips from Moscow's International Film Festival.

Today's broadcast, to be viewed at the University of California-San Diego, was suggested by journalists in the Soviet Union who had been excited about a simultaneous broadcast in May between the US Festival in San Bernardino and a Moscow studio filled with musicians and students.

Michael Cole, professor of communications at the university, was approached in June while he was at a seminar in Moscow, and the university found out last Saturday that all systems were go for a satellite link between the school and the film festival.

"We didn't have a whole lot of time to get together the kids, so the Communications Department

just contacted kids' groups they knew about — the Girl Scouts; the Learning Tree, a ~~university~~ educational group, and children from the summer ~~camp~~ ~~classes~~ here on campus." University spokeswoman Jan Seagrave ~~said~~

The children, aged 5 to 15, were expected to give their opinions on the Soviet ~~films~~ ~~and~~ questions of their Soviet ~~contemporary~~. Then the Soviet children were to respond to the ~~American~~ movies. Translators and ~~interpreters~~ from both countries ~~were to attend~~.

Ms. Seagrave ~~said~~ the Soviet children were attending the Film Festival in Moscow, where one section is devoted to children's movies.

At the end of the discussions, "The Soviets will be ~~asking~~ us in a dancing game. And the folks in the U.S. studio will be getting up and dancing along with the Soviets," Ms. Seagrave said Tuesday.

Then folk singer Sam Hinton was prepared to lead both groups in a chorus to ~~celebrate~~ ~~the~~ end. "Everywhere ~~in~~ ~~the~~ of the ocean will sing, ~~It's~~ ~~been~~ Good to Know ~~you~~," Ms. Seagrave said. "That's the way it's supposed to go. What will really happen, who knows?"

The U.S. film segments to be shown were "Rapunzel," produced for television's Faerie Tale Theatre by Shelley Duvall; the movie "Spider," directed by Robert Raboin; and "Curious George

Goes to the Hospital," directed by John Matthews.

The Russian films on the showbill were to include: "The Kindergarten Teacher with the Mustache," a comedy for 7- to 9-year olds, and an animated "Winnie the Pooh" cartoon.