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## U.S. MISUNDERSTOOD BY REDS, PTA IS TOLD

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The United States has achieved the reforms that Karl Marx proposed in his revolutionary writings, but Russians persist in criticizing capitalism because poor communication prevents them from understanding America, a speaker told the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers here last night.

Charles T. Vetter Jr., information co-ordinator in the office of public information of the United States Information Agency, said that America has a "more classless society, more economic and social justice for the masses of the people, and more opportunity than has been promised or achieved in any Communist or Socialist country."

One example of poor communications that blur the American image is motion pictures in which no one appears to work and many are immoral, Vetter said.

Statistics relating to American unemployment appear more significant to the Russian than they really are, Vetter said, because of changes of jobs by workers, differences of definitions of unemployed and job insurance.

Vetter assumed the role of a Russian asking typical questions about America and answered them as the Russian would. He urged the PTA members to inform themselves so that if they ever became involved in such an exchange, they could make intelligent comparisons between Russian and American life.

He addressed about 1600 delegates at a dinner at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel.

At a meeting yesterday, Paul A. Andereck, director of the St. Louis county Audio-Visual Department, said that teaching machines may help ease a teacher shortage problem but can never replace teachers.