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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Gerhard Herder, ambassador to the U.S. from the German (East) Democratic Republic, will discuss his country's role in Soviet-American relations during an appearance at Eastern Illinois University on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Herder will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Buzzard Auditorium. He will also attend a reception sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Office of International Students' Services from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation, 2202 Fourth Street.

Herder became ambassador in 1983. Prior to that he was ambassador and permanent representative from the GDR to the United Nation. From 1975-79 he was ambassador to the UN Geneva Commission on Disarmament.

From 1968 to 1973 Herder was ambassador from the GDR to Lebanon. Other positions he has held include Director of Legal and Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Assistant Professor, National Academy of State and Legal Sciences; and Division Chief, Central Council, the Free German Youth Organization.

Herder holds the Doctor of Law degree from the Institute for International Relations, Potsdam and has studies in international law at the Institute.

He will be accompanied to Charleston by his wife, Frau Edeltraud Herder.