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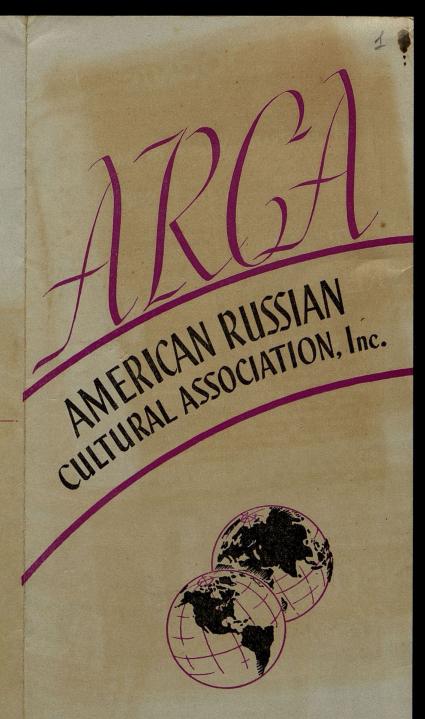
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To organize study, forum and discussion groups, and to cooperate in current activities of cultural bodies in both countries.

To provide courses of study in the Russian language, and to promote its adoption into the curriculum of United States high schools, colleges and universities.

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Russian people- the same people who , from their centuries-old culture ,
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