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Indian Aide Chided in Note by Stalin's Daughter

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NEW DELHI, March 27 — A letter from Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, indicates that she was discouraged from trying to remain in India by a member of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's inner circle.

In the letter, written on Feb. 10 and made public today, Mrs. Alliluyeva told a friend in Allahabad that she had "finally" decided to leave for Moscow on March 1.

She said that she was "tired and disgusted to continue the talk about the matter" and that it seemed that "fate is against it this time."

However, she said "Raja Sahib was happy to learn and now he is very nice to me."

Raja Sahib is a respectful way of referring to Dinesh Singh, the Commerce Minister, who is the Raja of Kalakankar. He is the nephew of the late Brijesh Singh, Mrs. Alliluyeva's husband, and was her host in the village of Kalakankar before she left India with United States assistance on March 7.

Made Public by Socialist

The letter was produced in Parliament by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, a Socialist leader and friend of Stalin's daughter. Dr. Lohia demanded that Mrs. Alliluyeva, who uses her mother's maiden name, be invited to return to India. The letter could cause embarrassment to Mrs. Gandhi.

Mr. Singh is one of the Prime Minister's closest advisers. Most observers believe that whatever he told Mrs. Alliluyeva almost certainly reflected Mrs. Gandhi's views.

In the three weeks since Mrs. Alliluyeva's departure from India, Mr. Singh has refused all public comment on his role in the matter. Officials close to him have denied on his behalf that Stalin's daughter had ever asked him to help her remain in India.

On March 21, Foreign Minister M. C. Chagla assured Parliament that Mrs. Alliluyeva had never asked the Government for political asylum, had not even asked for a further extension of her visa and had "never even suggested she wanted to stay in India to anyone during her stay."

However, many of those who met her during her two and a half months in the country,



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Mrs. Svetlana Alliluyeva

before Parliament today was written by Mrs. Alliluyeva from Kalakankar to Davendra Bahri, an Allahabad lawyer who is the son of Dr. Hardeve Bahri, who is now editing a Russian-Hindi dictionary in Moscow.

Letter a Thank-You Note

Mrs. Alliluyeva visited Mr. Bahri and his family in Allahabad in late January and also went with them to Banaras.

The letter is chiefly a thank-you note "for those nice two days." However, Mrs. Alliluyeva quickly went to the heart of her unhappiness.

"It was very pleasant to meet friendly people," she wrote, "and although they could not possibly help me in realizing my wish they had shown understanding and sympathy."

"Maybe it was my mistake that I did not use all the possibilities, but I was tired and disgusted to continue the talk about the matter. It seems the fate is against it this time.

"So finally it is decided that on March 1 I am leaving for Moscow. Raja Sahib was happy to learn, and now he is very nice to me."

Reliable sources said Mrs. Alliluyeva originally scheduled her departure for Moscow on an Aeroflot flight leaving New Delhi on March 1, but subsequently postponed it for a week until March 8. Two days before her scheduled departure she appeared at the United States Embassy in New Delhi with a request for help.

among them members of Mr. Singh's own family in Kalakankar, have reported that she wanted to remain in India.

Brought Husband's Ashes

Mrs. Alliluyeva developed a deep love for Kalakankar and India after she came here Dec. 20 to bring her husband's ashes for immersion in the Ganges River.

Most observers suspected that she had discussed her desire to stay in India with Mr. Singh and had asked his help in remaining here. Not only was he her host, but at the time he was Minister of State for External Affairs, the second-ranking post in the Foreign Ministry.

It has been widely believed that Mr. Singh discouraged her partly because it would have been politically embarrassing to him and partly because it would have disturbed Indian-Soviet relations. Mr. Singh is known as the most pro-Soviet of Mrs. Gandhi's ministers.

Mr. Singh was unavailable for comment. However, sources close to him conceded, after the letter had been read to them, that Mrs. Alliluyeva had discussed the matter with the Minister.

The letter that Dr. Lohia laid