

Fellow Passengers on Flight Were Unaware

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The pilot called it "an absolutely routine flight." The passengers were unaware of the international celebrity in their midst—until they saw the great crowd of newsmen and photographers that had gathered at Kennedy International Airport.

Everything had been done to make the momentous flight of Stalin's daughter to the United States as uneventful as possible. The crew of the Swissair DC-8 jet was not told that Svetlana Alliluyeva was aboard until the last passenger was seated, but one stewardess recognized her from newspaper pictures.

In seeking anonymity on the flight Mrs. Alliluyeva used a name that was curiously similar to her father's name. She traveled as Mrs. Stahelin (pronounced SHTAY-lean).

The young man who sat next to her in the first-class section gave his name as Mr. Stahelin. Actually he was Alan Uriel Schwartz, a New York lawyer with Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst, the firm that is representing Mrs. Alliluyeva in her publishing arrangements.

The name had apparently been borrowed in Switzerland from Dr. Willy Stahelin, Zurich representative of the New York law firm.

The non stop plane left Zurich at 6:10 A.M. New York time, and touched down here at 2:46

P.M. after eight and a half hours in the air. Mrs. Alliluyeva sat with 10 other passengers in the first-class cabin, occupying a window seat in the first row on the left side of the aisle.

No Special Precautions

The pilot, Capt. Hansruedi Christen, said no special security precautions had been taken by anyone "as far as we know." The plane was not escorted. The cockpit personnel—five men—did not visit Mrs. Alliluyeva during the flight. "We were told not to make any special attention," Captain Christen said.

A public-relations officer of the airline told the crew of her presence minutes before the flight started. But Hedi van Voornveld, a stewardess, said she recognized the noted passenger when she came aboard. Mrs. Alliluyeva was one of 39 passengers, including 28 in tourist class. The four-engine jet can seat 132 passengers, there was a crew of 12 on yesterday's flight.

Miss van Voornveld sensed that Mrs. Alliluyeva was "very emotional when she left," though he did not shed any tears. Midway in the flight she complained of a headache and took two aspirin tablets.

Robert Graf, the purser, served two meals and noted that Mrs. Alliluyeva ate no meat. He did not know she had become a vegetarian while married to

the late Brijesh Singh of India.

She was given a luncheon of lobster with smoked salmon hor d'oeuvres, a cold vegetable salad with hard-boiled eggs, potatoes and peas, a banana and cake. For dinner she was served a quiche Genevoise—a hot pie—and tea.

Miss van Voornveld said Mrs. Alliluyeva ate little, slept some and leafed through a magazine. The stewardess chatted with her about "personal things," she said, and found her English "very good."

Happy and Excited

"She was very tired at the end of the trip, but she seemed very happy and especially excited when she saw land," Miss van Voornveld said.

In accompanying Mrs. Alliluyeva on her journey to the United States, where she seeks "freedom of self-expression" in the arts and letters, Mr. Schwartz did not have to step far out of his accustomed role as a lawyer.

He is a specialist in literary and theatrical law and is known as a crusader against censorship and an advocate of the individual's right to privacy. He is co-author with Morris L. Ernst of "Privacy: the Right to Be Left Alone" and of "Censorship: the Search for the Obscene," published in 1962 and 1964.

Mr. Schwartz, who is 33 years old, is volunteer counsel to the

radio and television committee of the American Civil Liberties Union. He was graduated with honors in government at Cornell University in 1953, studied at Oxford in 1952 and took his law degree at Yale in 1956.

He wore a black raincoat and was generally mistaken for a security agent accompanying Mrs. Alliluyeva. When he left the plane, he stepped up on a box near the base of the jet's exit ramp and said into the cluster of microphones: "I would like to introduce Mrs. Alliluyeva, who would like to say a few words to you all." Then he stepped down and she made her statement in clear English.

Wilson Pledges Decision Soon on Common Market

LONDON, April 20 (UPI)—Prime Minister Wilson promised today an announcement soon on a new British bid to enter the European Common Market.

He told Parliament that the Government still had not reached a final decision.

"The Government recognizes the need for urgency in the decision," he said.

"But equally important is the necessity to get the right decision. A statement will be made at the very earliest opportunity."

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THE LAST PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK: Mrs. Alliluyeva being helped off the Swissair jetliner. Behind her is Alan U. Schwartz, who accompanied her during trip.