

## Convent Sheltered Stalin's Daughter

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GENEVA, April 24—Svetlana Alliluyeva spent nearly three of her six weeks in Switzerland in a Roman Catholic convent, the Swiss Government disclosed today.

Sister Marguerite Marie, one of 52 members of the Order of the Visitation community near Fribourg, in western Switzerland, said Stalin's daughter lived there until she left Friday for the United States.

Sister Marguerite said Mrs. Alliluyeva did not participate in the religious life of the community and showed no interest in any special form of religion. She was reported, however, to have attended mass at the Catholic St. Nicholas Cathedral in Fribourg.

In a statement issued Friday when she arrived in the United

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## MRS. ALLILUYEVA LIVED IN CONVENT

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States, Mrs. Alliluyeva said "religion has done a lot to change me."

"I was brought up in a family where there was never any talk about God," she said. "But when I became a grown-up person I found that it was impossible to exist without God in one's heart."

During her stay, Mrs. Alliluyeva's identity was known only to Sister Marguerite and to the Mother Superior.

"All the community saw her," Sister Marguerite said in an interview, "but no one knew who she was. The Mother Superior had asked that no questions be raised about her."

The convent was Mrs. Alliluyeva's third residence during her six-week stay in Switzerland. She was moved by the Swiss authorities from her first Swiss hideout, a hotel in the small resort of Beatenberg in the Bernese Oberland.

She had been traced there by some of the scores of reporters and photographers who had lost track of her after she hurried from the Geneva Airport on March 11 following her arrival from Rome.

### Received at Her Own Request

The Swiss Government disclosed today that after she left Beatenberg, the 42-year-old Russian woman first stayed in a rest home run by Catholic nuns at St. Antoni, seven miles from Fribourg.

Mrs. Alliluyeva subsequently moved to the convent at Fribourg. Both the rest home and the convent received her at her own request, the Government said.

Sister Marguerite denied a report that the guest had left the rest home because of language difficulties. It was feared that her hiding place might have become known that led to the move to the convent, Sister Marguerite indicated.

"She was completely free here to come and go as she pleased," she said. "We did not concern ourselves at all with what she did. When she went out we never tried to find out where she went or with whom."

Sister Marguerite said she conversed with Mrs. Alliluyeva in French. She explained that although the guest's German was better than her French, "we were able to get on easily."

"She is a very nice person in every way," the nun said. "She is very likable and I became very attached to her."

### Meetings With Intellectuals

Mrs. Alliluyeva plans to begin meetings soon with writers and college professors to acquaint herself with American intellectuals. Her friends were reported to be making plans for her to visit universities and scholarly meetings as soon as public attention in her activities here subsides.

Mrs. Alliluyeva, who uses her mother's maiden name, will be accompanied most of the time by Priscilla Johnson MacMillan, a student of Russian affairs, who will translate the 80,000-word manuscript of Mrs. Alliluyeva's memoirs. The book will be published by Harper & Row next Oct. 16.

The two women have been staying at the home of Mrs. MacMillan's father, Stuart H. Johnson Sr., in Mill Neck, a small village on the North Shore of Long Island.

A news conference for Mrs. Alliluyeva originally scheduled for 2 P.M. tomorrow at the Overseas Press Club has been moved to the Plaza Hotel. Vern Boxwell, of Hill & Knowlton, the public-relations firm handling announcements for Mrs. Alliluyeva's lawyers, said the change had been made to provide more room for reporters expected to attend.

Edward S. Greenbaum, Mrs. Alliluyeva's lawyer, met yesterday with representatives of Harper & Row and Life magazine to discuss the international serialization rights of her book.

Mr. Greenbaum earlier this month negotiated an agreement with Life and The New York Times for excerpts to be published in the United States, Canada and Mexico just before the book comes out in the fall. He did not disclose how much the two publications paid for the serialization rights.