

Mrs. Alliluyeva Rejected France As New Home, Paris Friend Says

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PARIS, May 10 — "Four governments are having trouble because of me; why add a fifth?"

This was the response of Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, to Emmanuel d'Astier de la Vigerie, the French author, when he tried to dissuade her from going to the United States and suggested France instead.

Mr. d'Astier de la Vigerie, who had met her when he looked her up in her Moscow apartment three years ago, had traveled to Switzerland to see her because, in his words, he feared that in the United States she would become a victim of publicity and political exploitation.

Since her arrival in New York last month, Mrs. Alliluyeva has been working with her translator, Mrs. Priscilla Johnson MacMillan, on an English version of her memoirs, to be published in October.

Mr. d'Astier de la Vigerie published his account of the conversations he had with Mrs. Alliluyeva at Matran near Fribourg, Switzerland, in the May issue of *L'Événement*, a literary and political monthly magazine of which he is the publisher.

His report was accompanied by excerpts from five letters that Mrs. Alliluyeva, who uses her mother's maiden name, wrote to him early this year, three from India and two from Switzerland.

In the letters from India, she told of her happiness at being in Allahabad, on the banks of

the Ganges, and the stubbornness of Soviet officials who wanted her to return to Moscow by March 1.

From Switzerland she wrote of the feeling of being carried along in a torrent like the small branch of a tree and of her deep, overwhelming desire to write.

Mrs. Alliluyeva's hosts in Matran were Mrs. Bertrande Biancpain, a niece of Mr. d'Astier de la Vigerie, and her husband.

Also present in the conversations was Mrs. d'Astier de la Vigerie, who is the daughter of Leonid B. Krasin, a Bolshevik revolutionary who became Soviet Ambassador to France and Britain and died in 1925.

The two women spoke Russian with Mrs. Alliluyeva lapsing into English and French for the benefit of Mr. d'Astier de la Vigerie.

Mrs. Alliluyeva told of her life in Moscow, her children, her marriage and her suffering during the last three years when her Indian husband, Brijesh Singh, was ill and dying. It was after his death last October that she received permission to take his ashes to India and visit his family there.

Having lived 40 years in Russia, she wanted to live 40 years elsewhere, Mr. d'Astier de la Vigerie quoted her as having said, adding that she did not think she would want to stay in the United States forever, but would like to return to Switzerland, see France and other countries, and then "India forever."