

Stalin's Daughter Confirms Reports Of Her Pregnancy

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Dec. 18 (AP) — Svetlana Stalin Peters, Stalin's daughter, confirmed through a spokesman today that she was expecting a baby.

A spokesman at Taliesin West, the Western headquarters of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, said: "We do confirm the reports that Mrs. Peters is expecting and the time will probably be late spring."

He said that Mrs. Peters, who is 44 years old, and her husband, William Wesley Peters, 57, were "delighted" by the news.

Mr. Peters, assistant to Mr. Wright for many years, was married to one of the architect's daughters. She and their 2-year-old son died in an auto crash in 1946. He has another son.

Mrs. Peters, youngest daughter of Stalin, defected to the United States in 1967, saying she was disenchanted with Communism and the lack of personal liberty in the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union revoked her citizenship last January.

Her son, Josef, 25, and daughter, Yekaterina, 20, are still in Russia.

Mrs. Peters's previous marriages were to Gregory Morosov, then a student, and to Yuri Zhdanov, a biochemist.

She lived in Princeton, N.J., after her defection and published two books, "Twenty Letters to a Friend," which she wrote in the Soviet Union, and "Only One Year."

She met Mr. Peters on a visit to Taliesin West and married him 20 days later in a Quaker ceremony at the school.