

Life Said to Pay \$600,000 For Khrushchev 'Memoirs'

Stewart Alsop, writing in the issue of Newsweek magazine dated Jan. 4 and on sale today, says that Life magazine paid "on the order of \$600,000" for memoirs attributed to the former Soviet Premier, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Mr. Alsop said in his column that the deal for the memoirs, which appeared in four issues of Life, was completed last August in a Copenhagen hotel room during a meeting between Murray Gart, a Life executive, and Victor Louis, a Soviet journalist often described as a middleman for the Soviet security police.

Mr. Alsop said the agreement also included "a provision for the deposit of a large sum of money in a Swiss bank in the name of the Khrushchev family."

A spokesman for Life said last night, "Mr. Alsop is speculating with information published previously." He declined further comment.