

STALIN'S DAUGHTER REMAINS IN HIDING

Expected to Stay as Long as
3 Months in Switzerland

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BERNE, March 12 — Well-informed sources predicted tonight that Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, would stay in Switzerland for a considerable time, perhaps as long as three months.

Mrs. Alliluyeva, who disappeared from public view after her arrival in Geneva yesterday, had asked the American Embassy in New Delhi for assistance in going to the United States. Whether she will go to the United States, however, will depend on how well she liked Switzerland, these sources said.

In any event, it now appears that Washington wants to delay her arrival in the hope that this will lessen the prejudicial effect the case might have on improved relations with Moscow.

The Swiss announced yesterday that she had been admitted for a temporary stay. (Although the visa granted her by Switzerland was only for 45 days, officials said she would be permitted to stay as long as she wished. The Associated Press reported.

American embassy sources here continued to emphasize that they had no contacts with Mrs. Alliluyeva and had no information regarding her plans or whereabouts. They insisted that her case was exclusively a matter for the Swiss Government.

Embassy sources said they had no information on the unidentified man who, according to an onlooker at the Geneva airport, traveled from Rome yesterday with Mrs. Alliluyeva aboard a plane chartered from Alitalia.

The plane's manifest said it was carrying two passengers from Rome to Geneva, however, Swiss Government sources said that she had been the only passenger.

It was believed that her travelling companion was Robert F. Rayle, a Central Intelligence Agency official who accompanied her from NEW DELHI to Rome and who has since left for Washington to submit his report.

The police car in which Mrs. Alliluyeva left the Geneva airport was headed in the direction

of Berne. The Swiss press continues to report rumors that she is staying near Adelboden in the Bernese Oberland or near Lucerne.

The Swiss Government has taken the position that her presence in Switzerland is an internal matter. Ludwig von Moos, Minister of Justice and Police, is in charge.

Mr. von Moos has promised to answer "a few questions" on the case at a news conference tomorrow.

Charter Paid by Rayle

GENEVA, March 12 (AP) — Airport sources said the charter fee of \$2,000 for the Alitalia airliner that brought Svetlana Alliluyeva here yesterday from Rome was paid in the Italian capital by a man identified as Rayle. This appeared to be Robert F. Rayle, the Central Intelligence officer who accompanied her from New Delhi to Rome on Tuesday.

Rusk Cautious on Case

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WASHINGTON, March 12 — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that the United States Government, in considering the case of Svetlana Alliluyeva, "didn't actually get to the question of whether she would be accorded political asylum in this country."

He made this statement on the American Broadcasting Company's television program "Issues and Answers" in response to a question whether she had asked for asylum in the United States and why she had not been granted entry. He did not elaborate.

Apparently underlining Washington's efforts to avoid embarrassing Moscow over her case, Mr. Rusk said he felt the political implications of her trip to Switzerland had been "greatly exaggerated."

He also said he had no wish to "complicate her life" by commenting publicly on the case.

U.S. Denies Responsibility

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — Asked today about the activities of Robert F. Rayle, a State Department spokesman, referred reporters to a statement made yesterday by the department's press officer, Robert J. McCloskey, who said Svetlana Alliluyeva was not under United States custody or responsibility.

Mr. McCloskey added: "It is not for the United States Government to comment on this case under present circumstances."