

ALLILUYEVA BOOK SOUGHT ABROAD

50 Publications Seek Right to All or Part of Memoirs

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At least 50 foreign publications are seeking the right to publish Svetlana Alliluyeva's autobiography, or parts of it, simultaneously with its appearance in the United States.

The offers to publish the memoirs of Stalin's daughter have come from leading newspapers, magazines and book publishers in Europe, Asia and Latin America in what is becoming one of the most widespread demands in literary history for a book before publication.

Most of the offers have been received by Life magazine, which is negotiating the worldwide rights of the memoirs with lawyers representing Mrs. Alliluyeva.

One publisher was reported to have offered \$100,000 for the exclusive right to serialize the book in France. Similar bids are believed to have been made by newspapers and magazines in Germany, England and Italy.

Edward K. Thompson, editor of Life, said yesterday that he had received "between 30 and 40" bids and inquiries from foreign publishers even though negotiations with Mrs. Alliluyeva's representatives were not completed.

'Simply Remarkable'

"The interest her story has aroused among publishers abroad is simply remarkable, all

the more since we won't know anything about the international rights perhaps for several days," he said.

It was announced last Saturday that Life and The New York Times would publish excerpts from Mrs. Alliluyeva's book just before it is published by Harper & Row here next Oct. 16.

Earlier this week it was disclosed that Life had begun negotiations for the foreign rights of the 42-year-old Mrs. Alliluyeva's work about her memoirs as Stalin's daughter. Life was thought to be interested in foreign publication of the book as well as is serialization.

Mr. Thompson acknowledged that the negotiations had reached a sudden stalemate.

It has also been learned that Edward S. Greenbaum, Mrs. Alliluyeva's lawyer, is considering appointing a literary agent to handle the foreign rights to the book.

The 77-year-old lawyer is said to believe he can get a better deal for foreign publication of the book if it is handled through an independent agent rather than as part of the over-all arrangement with Life.

Mr. Greenbaum, who could not be reached for comment yesterday, was said to be unhappy about the terms offered by Life to handle the serial rights outside the United States, Canada and Mexico. Officials of the magazine commented privately that they considered these terms part of the original agreement they made to acquire parts of the book. The financial details of the agreement have not been made public.

One publishing executive, who asked to remain unidentified, said that the price Life paid for rights to publish excerpts

'Drunk' Charge Angers Australian Legislators

CANBERRA, Australia, April 27 (Reuters)—Australian politicians angrily rejected a charge by a disillusioned young member of Parliament today that many of them were "half-drunk half the time."

The charge was made in Adelaide by Andrew Jones, who at 22 is the youngest member of Parliament.

"He's a bloody young fool," said J. R. Fraser, a member from the Labor party.

"He doesn't really know what's going on," said Dudley Erwin, the chief whip of the Liberal party.

Mr. Jones complained that Canberra was a lonely place "for a fellow my age who has little in common with other politicians many of whom are half-drunk half the time."

"I was amazed to be in the House one day and see there 9 members out of 124," he said. "Three were asleep, two were doing the crossword and one was reading an outdated Donald Duck comic."

was agreed to after assumption that the magazine would receive 30 to 50 per cent of receipts resulty from the foreign serializations.

Mr. Thompson said all the

offers received by Life had been transmitted to Mr. Greenbaum, who spent yesterday at his home in Princeton, N. J., after having helped prepare Wednesday's news conference for Mrs. Alliluyeva.

Vatican Paper Gratified

ROME, April 27 (Reuters)—The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said today that Mrs. Alliluyeva's baptism into the Russian Orthodox Church showed that an atheist state could not suppress mankind's needs for God, Stalin's daughter, who was baptized into the church in 1962, has said "one cannot live without God in one's heart."

The Vatican newspaper asked: "After state atheism in the Soviet Union has worked for half a century to eliminate the need for religion, is this experience not illuminating?"

Welfare Pickets in Chicago

CHICAGO April 27 (AP)—Picketing by public aid workers began today at the Cook County (Chicago) public service department's main office as 2,000 union case workers and clerks started a strike for higher pay. About 20 pickets paced on the sidewalk in front of the headquarters building at 628 South Dearborn Street shortly after 7 A.M.