

ALLILUYEVA BOOK TRACED TO SOVIET

Stern Got Copy From Man
With Russian Passport

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FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 6—The man who made unauthorized copies of Svetlana Alliluyeva's memoirs available to Western publishers was in Berlin today waiting for new material on the life and loves of Stalin's daughter, according to authoritative West German sources.

He is Victor Louis, a slender, blond man of about 38 who is traveling on a Soviet passport and describes himself as a journalist.

According to the West German sources, Mr. Louis expects to receive the new material on Mrs. Alliluyeva directly from Soviet officials in East Berlin.

It is believed that Soviet authorities provided Mr. Louis with copies of Mrs. Alliluyeva's memoirs to diminish the impact of publication of her story in the west on the eve of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution on Nov. 7.

Publication in Fall

The memoirs will be published by Harper & Row in October. Shortly before their publication in book form, they will be serialized by The New York Times and excerpts will be published by Life magazine.

Mr. Louis is accompanied in Berlin by a member of the staff of The London Daily Express, which purchased the memoirs and a large set of photographs out of the Stalin family album from Mr. Louis. The Express will publish the photographs tomorrow.

Mr. Louis is an occasional correspondent of The London Evening News in Moscow. He has entrée to the Kremlin, and it was he who made the interview with former Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev that were later used in a National Broadcasting Company documentary film.

The West Germany magazine Stern first came in contact with Mr. Louis while negotiating for the right to reprint material from the Khrushchev documentary last spring.

'A Tame Rabbit'

The sources said that Mr. Louis, after offering copies of Mrs. Alliluyeva's memoirs to the Daily Express, continued to Hamburg where the headquarters of Stern are located, to make a similar offer to the illustrated magazine. Tomorrow's issue of Stern carries a cover picture of the Stalin family picnicking, reportedly a few months before the suicide of Mrs. Alliluyeva's mother.

Inside, Henry Nannen, Stern's editor, wrote a lengthy commentary of the memoirs, which had been sold to him by Mr. Louis. He called them a "thin family soap opera," and "a tame rabbit."

According to the sources, Mr. Louis spent two days negotiating the sale of the material to Mr. Nannen. The price could not be learned, but it was authoritatively said to be "much much lower" than that paid by a consortium of publishers in the United States earlier this year. It is also understood that Mr. Louis is offering the same material with hints of more to come to publishers in France and Italy.

Forgery Feared

What Stern purchased was the right to copy the 307-page original—in Cyrillic script—of the 1963 memoir entitled, "My Life with Father—Twenty Letters to a Friend." The magazine was also sold a bundle of photographs and an English translation of the Russian text.

The sources said Stern did not want to be involved in a Soviet forgery and for comparison purposes purchased a copy of the memoirs in Russian published last week in London by Hutchinson's.

Stern maintained that the Hutchinson memoirs and the manuscript delivered by Mr. Louis were identical. Hutchinson's expects to put out the English edition of the memoirs in October. It put out the Russian version to protect its copyright.

Mrs. Alliluyeva said she made three copies of her manuscript when she finished it four years ago. One she smuggled to India with her last winter. The other two she left in Moscow.

A Correction

"The Confessions of Mr. Louis"