

Mrs. Alliluyeva in Jersey; Reported at Work on Book

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Mrs. Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, is living here in seclusion, under police security measures. She is believed to be preparing to write a book about the Soviet Union that will cover the period after her father's death in 1953.

However, no arrangement has been made with her publisher, Harper & Row, and the executive vice president of the company, Evan Thomas, says he has no certain knowledge that she has begun writing.

"It is my uneducated guess," he said, "that she is writing a book that will carry on from the end of the last book. I don't imagine she will revert to the Stalin era, on the theory that she said all she plans to say about it in her last book."

Silent on Her Plans

Mrs. Alliluyeva refuses to talk to reporters or to give any indication of her plans for the immediate future. Early in October, in a television interview, she said her next book would be "more critical" of the Soviet system.

The last book, "Twenty Letters to a Friend,"—memoirs of her life with her father—has not lived up to the enormous advance publicity in terms of sales. Mr. Thomas contended, however, that it would sell more than 100,000 copies. Some stores are sending back unsold copies, he acknowledged.

Another indication of the lag is that the price paid by the Avon company for the paperback rights is "about \$20,000."

A number of books have fetched more than \$100,000 for paperback rights. The record is said to be about \$700,000, paid by Fawcett to Random House for James A. Michener's "The Source."

A factor that book experts think may have held down the book's sale, apart from the mixed reviews, was its enormous exposure in newspapers and magazines.

Excerpts from the book were carried in The New York Times and in more than 60 other newspapers through The Times News Service. The

book was also excerpted in Life magazine.

Mrs. Alliluyeva is now living in an unpretentious ranch-style house rented from Mrs. Dorothy Berliner Commins, widow of Saxe Commins, the editor in chief at Random House. Mrs. Commins, the author of "Lullabies of the World," will soon be starting on a year of travel to collect children's folk music.

The house, at 85 Elm Road,

is in what is considered the best section of Princeton, the west side. Most homes in the area are no larger than the Commins house, which is about 20 feet back from the road amid a few trees.

Police Chief Peter J. McCrohan said that several weeks ago he had been told that Mrs. Alliluyeva would be living there and might become a permanent resident of the community.

"We have taken some securi-

ty precautions," he said. "I can't discuss what we've done."

He said he noticed Mrs. Alliluyeva walking along Nassau Street, the main thoroughfare here.

"Nobody seems to be interested in her," he declared. "I don't think she'll be bothered by the people who live here. People in this town don't worry too much about celebrities. It may be different at social functions."