

Stalin's Daughter Confirms Marriage to Architect

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., April 8—Svetlana Alliluyeva, the daughter of Stalin, confirmed today that she was married to William Wesley Peters, the vice president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

Looking tanned and fit after three weeks in the Arizona sun, the smiling bride was asked at a news conference this morning why she married the 58-year-old architect.

She looked surprised and then answered, "Just because I love him."

Mr. Peters, sitting next to his wife in front of a huge stone fireplace, laughed and said, "That says it a lot better than I did."

They were married here yesterday in this village eight miles east of Phoenix. The simple Quaker service was held at Taliesin West, the headquarters of the Wright Foundation, which includes an architectural concern and a school for architecture.

Mrs. Peters, who is 44 and who defected to the United States three years ago, was married at least twice in the Soviet Union. She has two children, Iosif, a 25-year-old physician, and Yekaterina, 20, a student of mathematics. Her children live in the Soviet Union. Both marriages ended in divorce.

She left her native land for India in 1966 to take home the ashes of Brijesh Singh, a Communist she had not been allowed to marry because he was a foreigner. It was there that she decided not to return to the Soviet Union and the Communist dictatorship that her father had helped establish.

After settling in Princeton, N.J., she published books about her life, "Twenty Letters to a Friend" and "Only One Year." Her romance with Mr. Peters had an air of fate about it.

Mr. Peters was for many years Mr. Wright's chief assistant. He had also married Mr. Wright's older daughter, whose name was also Svetlana. The first Mrs. Peters and the couple's infant son were killed in a car accident in 1946.

Last year Mr. Wright's other daughter, Iovanna Lloyd Wright, read "Only One Year."

"It was so impressive, and I thought she was so courageous that I invited her to visit us here," Miss Wright recalled this morning.

Similarity Observed

"In the back of my mind I did have the thought that she might get together with Wes," Miss Wright added. "Maybe it was just a similarity in the names, but there are other resemblances between Svetlana and my sister. They were both very sensitive and artistic women."

"It's kind of a miracle that Wes and Svetlana met, considering both of their lives. People before they met."

Miss Alliluyeva arrived about three weeks ago at Taliesin West, a desert retreat built of rugged stone and wood and splashed with brilliant spring flowers



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William Wesley Peters slipping wedding band on finger of Svetlana Alliluyeva during wedding ceremony Tuesday.

"All the men fell in love with her from the start," said one architect. Ten days ago the couple decided to marry, but Miss Alliluyeva wanted to wait for a day ending in "seven," her lucky number.

Mr. Peters, who is 6 feet 4 inches tall, towered over his wife this morning as they met the press in the living room of Mrs. Frank Lloyd Wright, who is president of the Wright Foundation. Mrs. Peters was asked her first impression of her husband.

"I thought he looked very sad," she said, "but I don't think he looks sad now."

The couple will live here most of the year and move in the summer to Taliesin's eastern branch in Spring Green, Wis.

Asked whether his wife would help him in his work, Mr. Peters smiled and replied, "The only artistic nature we share is painting Easter eggs."

Mrs. Peters, who hopes to become a United States citizen, said that she had no current plans to write another book.

Her years in Princeton were trying ones, according to Allan U. Schwartz, a New York lawyer who helped her to come to this country. He flew here yesterday when she called, but to keep the wedding secret, he was not even told why he was invited.

"It was easier for her than a lot of defectors," Mr.

Schwartz said. "Some go into a severe depression and never come out. She made a good adjustment but she was fairly lonely."

"She doesn't like big city

life, and she wasn't even very comfortable in Princeton. Academic life is just not her thing. Out here she seems so relaxed. Like she was at times when we would see her in Nantucket.

"She really seems a part of the place here. As she told me yesterday, those years in Princeton were sort of a stepping stone to this."

Children Not Excited

MOSCOW, April 8 (AP) — Iosif Morosov, son of Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, said today that the news of his mother's marriage in the United States was "not very exciting" for him or his sister.

Referring to his mother as "Grandmother," since she is the grandmother of his young child, he commented:

"The news of Grandmother's wedding is not very exciting. We have got used to the idea after five or six of her marriages. I told her myself that she had been married often enough and shouldn't marry again."

"What surprises me is that none of her marriages made a sensation before. I suppose it is a sensation for people abroad, but not for me or my sister."

The statement was given to a Soviet newsman who made it available to foreign correspondents. Attempts to reach Mr. Morosov or his sister were unsuccessful.

The reference to "five or six" previous marriages apparently reflected the official Soviet line that Mrs. Peters had a number of unofficial husbands in addition to her two previous legal marriages.

Iosif and his sister still live in the apartment they shared with the mother before her defection.

The news of the marriage has not been published here but apparently her son was informed of the event by someone with access to Western news reports.