

Stalin's Daughter Leaves Husband

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Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, has separated from her husband of 22 months, William Wesley Peters, an architect, in disagreement over the way of life at the cooperative Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Taliesin West, at Scottsdale, Ariz.

However, Alan U. Schwartz, her lawyer, said here last night after talking by telephone with them both earlier in the day, "There's a hope of their getting together."

Mrs. Peters bought a one-family home in Paradise Valley, near Scottsdale, last December, taking the couple's daughter, Olga, now 10 months old, with her.

The split became known when The Arizona Republic quoted her as having said on Monday that she had left Taliesin West because:

"I believe in private property. They live a communal life at the foundation. They share their incomes, their food, their living. Everyone works, including the children. That's why I left Russia."

Mr. Peters, returning from a trip to San Francisco, said with sadness yesterday, "I take violent exception to all that." He contended that "everyone has a high degree of personal privacy and individual liberty"



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Svetlana Alliluyeva and daughter, Olga, last September

and "people are working because they love their work."

Life at Taliesin West, Mr. Peters said, "is the absolute antithesis of the Communist concept which I'm afraid Svetlana was inculcated with in childhood and which she revolted against." He said she had worked "only a few days"

on kitchen and dining room chores shared by the fellowship and was "not under any compulsion," so that the separation was "largely incomprehensible to me."

"She is a very devoted mother, and she is very good to

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Mr. Wright's younger daughter, Iovanna, invited the then Miss Alliluyeva to visit Taliesin West in the Arizona desert in 1970, after reading one of her books. A three-week romance led on April 7, 1970, to the marriage in a Quaker ceremony there between the Soviet leader's daughter and the 6-foot-4 American architect.

Charles Montooth, a foundation spokesman who is also an architect, said about 65 persons, including wives and children, were living at Taliesin West, including 15 senior architects.

The fellowship is both an architectural concern, which Mr. Montooth said worked on \$50-million worth of projects here and abroad last year, and an on-the-job school for students in architecture.

Those participating, he said, share the work and pool their commissions, and each gets back what he needs.

Mr. Peters said he was "very much grieved" that his wife had "rejected a life pattern which I helped build and I believe in." He declared, "we certainly don't believe in communal property."

"No person has ever been a stronger devotee of individual rights and privileges" than had been Mr. Wright, he said, and "nobody stays unless he wants to."

Mrs. Peters has an independent income, derived from her

two books published here, "Twenty Letters to a Friend," estimated unofficially to have brought \$3-million through advances here and abroad, including newspaper and magazine rights, and "Only One Year."

The first book has sold 99,020 copies thus far and the second 43,909, both including English and Russian texts, according to records at Harper & Row, the publishers.

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Olga," he said. Mrs. Peters was quoted by the news agency Reuters as saying yesterday, "I am seeking privacy and peace and more individualism." She added that "Mr. Peters is a great gentleman; we were a very happy couple," but "we couldn't even have our honeymoon, not one weekend, because of his work demanding he stay there."

Calls Family 'Main Cell'

"We'd never argue about anything but the group life," she was further quoted. "For me the family is the main cell of society."

Mrs. Peters will be 46 years old next Monday. She had been twice married and divorced in the Soviet Union, where she has two adult children. She left her homeland in December, 1966, taking the ashes of her fiancé to India, and then decided to forsake the Soviet Union, arriving in the United States in April, 1967.

Mr. Peters, who is 59, was a founder with the late Mr. Wright of the fellowship in 1932. His first wife was Mr. Wright's older daughter, also named Svetlana, and she was killed in an auto crash in 1946.