

Svetlana Splits - - 'No Privacy At Commune'

Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of the late Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, is living apart from her American husband, architect William Wesley Peters, because of disagreement over what she regards as collective living. The couple disclosed yesterday.

Svetlana, 46, and Peters, 59, married in April 1970 and have a 10-month-old daughter, Olga.

They have been living separately since December when Svetlana moved with the baby to a house in nearby Scottsdale.

Until then, they lived at Taliesin West, headquarters of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, about 20 miles from Phoenix. Taliesin West embraces an architectural school and firm founded by the late architect.

"She has rejected a life pattern which I helped build and I believe in," Peters said in an interview. "It was largely a personal matter, not between her and Taliesin, but between herself and myself."

Peters, a protege and former son-in-law of Wright, continued: "Svetlana has a mistaken idea of life at Taliesin. She views it with the eyes of one conditioned to reject the real principles of democracy in operation."

But Svetlana, who left the Soviet Union to come to the West in 1967, said in a separate interview: "In two years at Taliesin we never had a weekend to ourselves, not a normal one. The life there is based on a special philosophy . . .

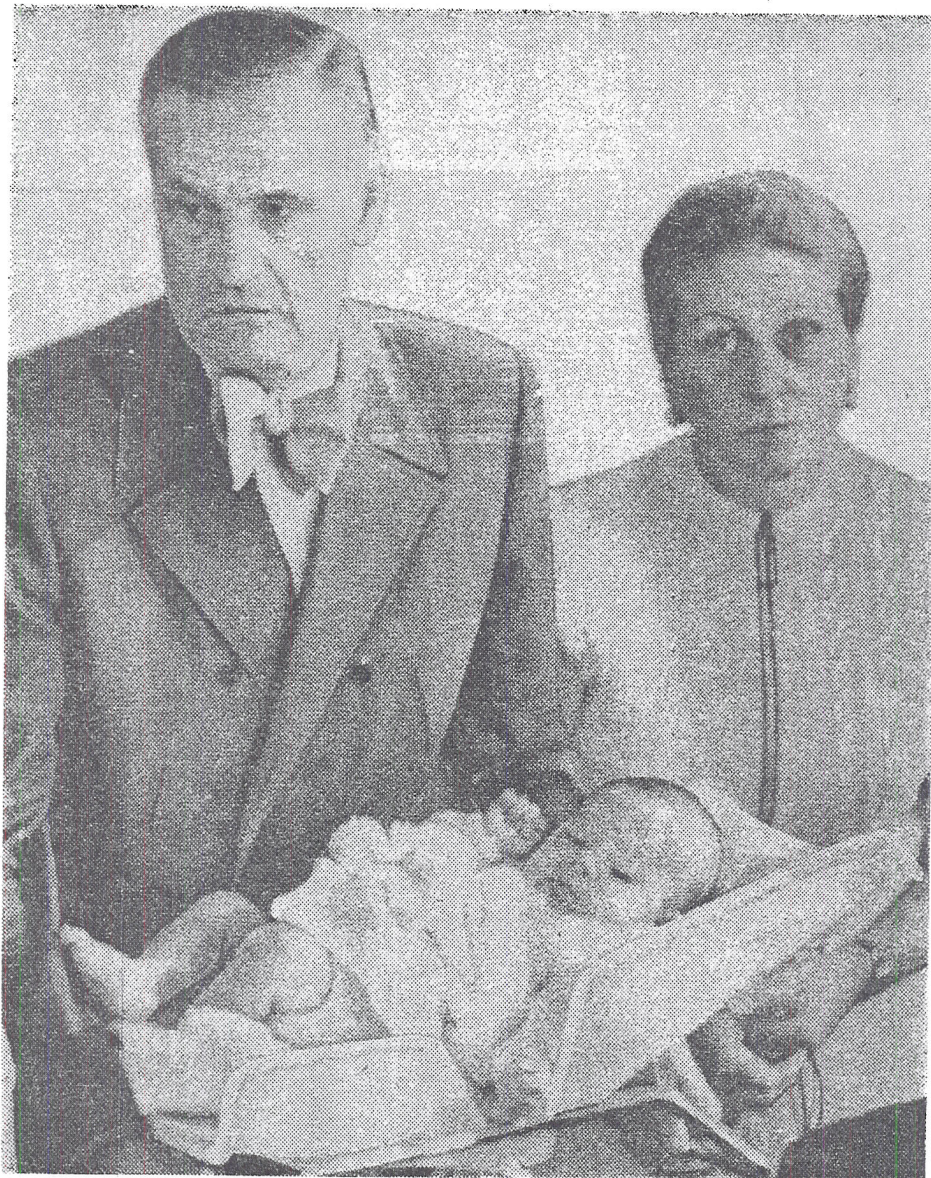
"I cannot take it any more. I am seeking privacy and peace and more individualism . . . Mr. Peters is a great gentleman. We were a pretty happy couple. We never argue about anything but the group life. For me the family is the main cell of society."

Svetlana, who has had at least two previous marriages, complained of life at Taliesin: "We couldn't even have our honeymoon, not even one week-end, because of his work, demanding he stay there . . .

"No family there is able to ever have a holiday, a week-end, go somewhere on Sunday. You're always with 60 or 70 other people," she added, referring to the students and architects who live on the premises.

But she insisted: "I haven't left my husband . . . I never had any intention to separate from him."

Peters, who has remained at his apartment in Taliesin, commented earlier: "Ours is not communal life, but a life of individualism. I'm afraid her (Svetlana's) mind



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Svetlana Alliluyeva has separated from William Wesley Peters; they are shown in a September 1971 photo with their daughter Olga in Wisconsin

has been conditioned by years of Communist training to the point where she rejects the highly individualized life."

He added: "In the face of Svetlana's inability to adjust ... it would almost seem di-

vorce is inevitable."

Svetlana's first husband was Grigory Morozov, a biochemist. They were married in 1944 and divorced in 1947.

Two years later she married Yugi Zhdanov, son of

one of Stalin's close associates. That marriage also ended in divorce.

Svetlana had a son, Iosip, by Morozov, and a daughter, Yekaterina, by Zhdanov. They are still in the Soviet Union.