

Svetlana arrives in Detroit



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staff writer

Family members, supporters, the curious and an army of media personnel greeted Keith and Svetlana Braun when they arrived home at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

After three years as "divided spouses" and six days of press conferences, receptions and parties in Washington, D.C., the weary but happy couple arrived at Metro Airport ready for a quick ride to their first home together, a Southfield apartment within walking distance of a condominium belonging to Braun's father.

A crowd of media people pressed toward Gate 12 just before the Brauns walked off their plane and through the gate. They're here, they're here, was the cry.

Most anxious of all were Moor Braun, Keith's father, and his wife, Roberta, the stepmother who married his dad this year. "It's been so hectic and they're very tired," said Roberta Braun.

"I've known Keith just a year, through good moods and bad. When he finally knew Svetlana was coming, he became a different person. Now his future plans are just to be happy and to have time to be a lawyer again."

"I'M DELIGHTED, but I can't help being sad that Keith's mother isn't here to see this."

Keith's mother, Delores, died just three weeks after he and Svetlana were married in a Moscow civil ceremony in August 1984. There followed more than three years of official refusals to allow Svetlana to leave the U.S.S.R.

Nervous and excited, Moor Braun held tightly to a plump "Snoopy" balloon inscribed "welcome home" for his son's bride.

Smiling, he related how Keith and Svetlana called home several times to speak with family members since her arrival from Moscow on Nov. 3. "I've had a chance to talk with Svetlana, but I'm really anxious to meet her."

"We hope other couples who are kept apart will have this joy. We're concerned about all the divided spouses."

At Keith's request, even his family kept a low profile for the airport homecoming. His brothers, Darryl, 25, and Kenneth, 20, decided to wait and greet the couple at home as did Helen Granet, his 80-year-old maternal grandmother, according to Moor Braun. A third brother lives out of state.

"Keith's not the party type at all," his father said. "He definitely believes in 'no hoopla.'"

PARTICIPATING IN the airport fanfare were a Red Cross volunteer who said that organization played a part in the reunion, and a student from the Beverly Elementary School in Birmingham.

Gabe Werder, 9, managed to squeeze by a crowd of cameramen to offer Svetlana a multi-colored bouquet of flowers as the couple came through the gate. "She's so nice," he said later, telling how happy he was she got out of Russia.

"I started a letter writing campaign to get her out and it worked."

Svetlana, dressed in a bright green and blue outer jacket, pants and a bright red scarf, was prepared to respond to Gabe's gesture with a col-

lection of metallic emblems of the various Soviet republics which she reached in her bag and gave to the boy.

"I can't compare our two countries, they're so different," she said when asked how she found America. "This is so different, but in a good way."

CONCERNING THAT it had taken an international campaign to get her out of Russia, Svetlana said she and Keith will attempt to get exit visas for her parents and younger sister. "If there will be a way, we'll do it," she said. "In Russia, you never know what will happen. People wait for five years and get a call that they can go in one minute."

The couple also pledged to work to reunite the remaining 20 divided couples.

Waiting for Svetlana in the couple's apartment is a pair of Sabbath candle sticks which she will use for the first time on Friday evening.

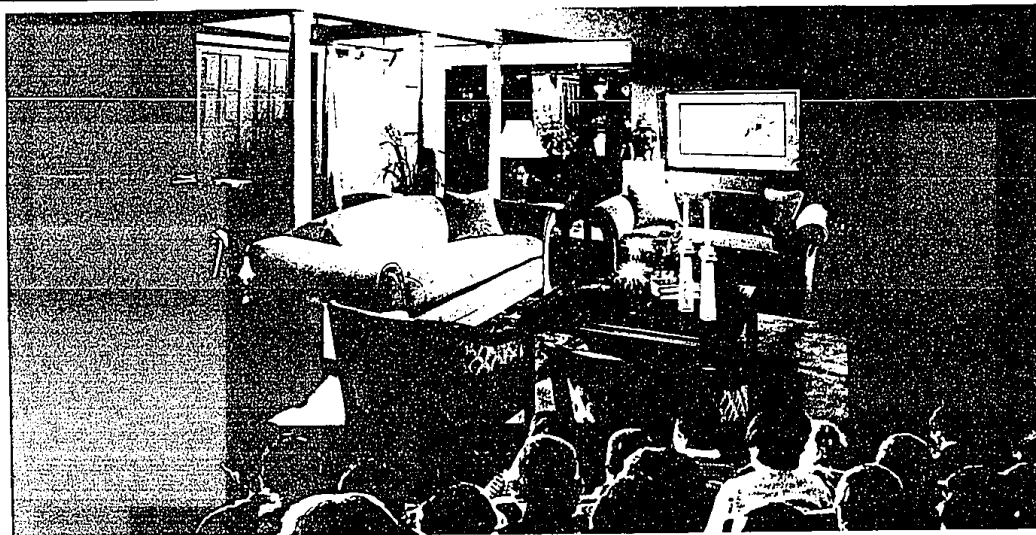
Braun delayed much of the decorating and furniture shopping for their new home so that Svetlana could share it with him. "But the candlesticks are special," he said.

When area merchants offered him items for the apartment, Braun, though touched, demurred, saying, "I wish many couples who need it could be helped in this way, but for us it isn't necessary."

Airport personnel whisked the couple away from the gate in an electric cart. At the luggage claim area, they waited, luxuriating in the company of his parents. The glare of the lights and the bustle of the media was gone for now. When their cases came, the journey home could end and a new life could begin.

Flowers and a "Welcome Home" Snoopy balloon, happy family members plus hordes of media greeted Svetlana and Keith Braun Monday evening as they arrived in Michigan following her emigration from the Soviet Union. She is the second spouse to be reunited with her husband this year.

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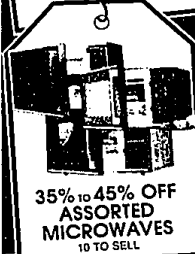


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