Crowd Gathering Near Stalin Memorial and Museum



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Description

Exterior view with a columned building in view. A group of dignitaries of some sort are standing in front of the building. Location is not given. According to Charles Thayer's curriculum vitae: "In 1955 I made an extended tour of European and Asiatic Russia and wrote a series for the Saturday Evening Post on post-Stalinist Soviet Union." Although not identified, this photograph is believed to have been taken during that trip. The building is probably the Stalin memorial building located in Gori, Georgia, in the Soviet Union, Stalin's birthplace. Thayer writes in his diary: "We stopped in front of a large, shiny new marble atrocity with a church steeple which is the new Museum not yet completed. A line of ten big limousines were drawn up and a good sized crowd was hanging about the entrance to the holy of holies ... it was an Albanian Parliamentary Delegation ... and I snapped my Kodak."

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