# Town and Fortress in Gori, Soviet Union



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**Description**

Partial view of different types of structures with what appears to be some sort of high fortress behind them. Sign on hill appears to contain letters and a star sign is located above the letters. 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, it is believed that this photograph was taken during that trip. The location is thought to be Gori, Georgia located in the Soviet Union at the time. Thayer's diary notes, "the principal landmark of Gori is the old ruined fortress on a small mountain dominating the town. On top of the fortress is an immense electric sign which says in Georgian: 'Glory to the Great Stalin'." Gori was the birthplace of Joseph Stalin.

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