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By SAM MARSHALL

Mrs. Ariane Tebbenjohanns and her former husband, Olaf, are still friends.

They have, he has told reporters, taken several trips together since their divorce in 1957.

Olaf, now in Chicago, is reportedly wealthy in his own right as president of American Industrial Standards Co., Inc., importers of steel.

Mrs. Tebbenjohanns, according to her husband, is "rich." She has inherited a portion of a water purification process and industry invented by her father, now dead, he said.

The couple had one child, a daughter now 9 years old, attending a private school in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Stunning, Schooled

Dr. Stephen Sheppard, a brother of Sam Sheppard, told The Record that Mrs. Tebbenjohanns "is a stunning woman who is extremely well educated."

"She speaks French," he says, "better than English, and her English is better than that most of us use," he said. "She also speaks Italian."

She was flown on her first trip to the United States by a nephew in a jet airplane operated by the family company, Tebbenjohanns reported.

"I don't love her anymore but I do have a lot of respect for Ariane," he told a reporter.

Ex-husband Surprised

Olaf is 32, a year younger than Ariane. He said he had received a postcard from her and was surprised to find that she was staying in Ohio. The postcard, he said, was sent from New York.

An official of the US Steel Corp. who didn't wish to be named said Tebbenjohanns was "one of the most influential steel importers in the world." He spends much time in the United States, as well as in Japan and Hong Kong, the official said.

Tebbenjohanns said he and his attractive blonde wife were divorced because of the pressure of the business world life.