

Northern Flank by Göran Haglund

Sweden subverts its secret service

A chief target of the illegal "Palme investigation" of the Swedish government was its own secret police.

Testimony delivered at the recent hearings of the Swedish Parliament's Constitutional Committee fully confirms *EIR's* charges that the illegal "Palme murder investigation," run by homosexual insider Ebbe Carlsson on behalf of the Social Democratic regime, have had next to nothing to do with tracking the killer of the late premier, but everything to do with running errands for Soviet intelligence—even to the point of massively subverting Sweden's official Security Police, SÄPO.

Both retired National Police Chief Holger Romander and former SÄPO Chief Sven-Åke Hjälmroth, who testified on Aug. 3 in the televised hearings, supported the July 28 testimony of SÄPO's former number-two man and chief of operations, P.G. Näss. In his testimony, Näss said the damage done to SÄPO by Ebbe Carlsson and cohorts could not have been worse, had it been carried out by a foreign secret service hostile to Sweden. (See *EIR*, Aug. 12, 1988.) Romander noted that Foreign Minister Sten Andersson and sections of the Social Democratic Party, notably its daily *Arbetet*, have run a deliberate campaign against SÄPO.

Among other incidents, Andersson, in an interview published this summer in the weekly *Tempus*, stated, "SÄPO's activity fills me with repugnance . . . I can't make sense of SÄPO." *Arbetet*, whose editor is married to Andersson's press secretary, has run a vitriolic series of articles targeting SÄPO, and denouncing Näss,

who was in charge of counterespionage, as a "cold warrior."

"It was a deliberate campaign aimed at . . . paving the way for far-reaching changes within SÄPO," Romander said in the hearings. "There has been an enormous campaign in *Arbetet*, which we regard as the opening of the Ebbe Carlsson affair. . . . This is extraordinarily serious and outrageous." In direct reference to Andersson, Romander said, "One must not issue statements that one has no confidence in the Security Police, but rather try to create confidence. The foreign minister's statement has been the gravest thing in this campaign, as his statements are noted abroad."

Concerning the alleged right-wing bias of SÄPO, Romander pointed out that there is only one political association within the Security Police: "It is Social Democratic." The foreign minister was a featured speaker at its annual meeting. Romander wrapped up his testimony, "What has occurred is of utmost importance for the Swedish security service, and thereby for one part of the total Swedish defense."

Former SÄPO chief Hjälmroth added, "A number of people like to criticize the security service, saying, true, you have pinned down a number of foreign spies, but that was done with assistance from other secret services. That's precisely the point. Information is not forthcoming by itself from other secret services. The preconditions and confidence must be established."

Indeed, it is SÄPO's cooperation

with other Western intelligence services in exposing a number of Soviet spies that is so repugnant to Andersson and the Social Democratic appeasers. Each new spy scandal plastered across the pages of the Swedish press, in spite of desperate efforts by the foreign ministry to keep each incident secret, means another setback and delay in the process of delivering a defenseless Sweden to the Russian bear.

On the very day of Romander and Hjälmroth's testimony, the big front-page news of *Svenska Dagbladet* read, "Foreign Ministry Allowed New KGB Chief into the Country." The story referred to an heretofore unpublicized incident last fall, when the SÄPO had warned the government not to grant a visa to one Igor Leonid Nikiforov, who applied for accreditation as a new consul at the Soviet embassy in Stockholm.

The reason for SÄPO's emphatic recommendation to the government not to let Nikiforov set foot on Swedish soil was that Nikiforov was known to have been appointed new KGB station chief in Sweden, to succeed the former resident, Nikolai Seliverstov. The KGB resident is the chief KGB official in a country and, in the case of Sweden, has some 100 Russian intelligence agents at his disposal, working under cover as embassy or consulate officials, trade office representatives, employees of the news agencies Novosti or Tass, the airline Aeroflot, the travel agency Intourist, etc., plus unknown numbers of traitors within the Swedish political parties, media, and administration.

At least one other Western country had refused Nikiforov accreditation, on the basis of his known credentials as a spy, but Foreign Minister Andersson, upon learning of those credentials from SÄPO, decided to welcome him to Sweden!