

Editorial

Olof Palme's KGB tactics exposed!

Swedish prime minister Olof Palme ordinarily takes great pride in his reputation as a defender of civil liberties. When it comes to dealing with the journalists of the *Executive Intelligence Review*, however, Palme is about as "democratic" as his boss Marshal Ogarkov of the Soviet Union.

The scene of Palme's indiscretion is the Arlanda International Airport, the main airport of Sweden. For years now, *EIR* has been sold at the airport's check-in area, which is characterized by the city authorities as a "public place." Then on May 9, 1984, Stockholm Police Chief Hans Holmer and Stockholm Airport Chief of Police Sven Smedjegaarden informed the *EIR* that it would no longer be able to carry out "informational activity" or "contact persons" in the airport. On June 25 a letter officially confirming this policy was delivered to the *EIR*.

Such arbitrary activity against the *EIR* is not unprecedented. On April 9, 1984, IMF Director Jacques de Larosi re took equivalent action to bar the *EIR*, which had attended every IMF meeting since 1975, from reporting on their spring meeting. The reason? *EIR* was accused of "misuse of press privilege" for publishing articles "deleterious to the IMF."

At least the IMF had a touch of honesty. It sincerely objected to *EIR*'s exposure of their genocidal schemes against the non-white peoples of the world. In order to prevent this truth from being published, it was willing to violate the rights of free press. Such an action was totally consistent with IMF policy in economics as well: Democratic rights are the last consideration when the IMF rams through its austerity "adjustment" policies.

Olof Palme, on the other hand, did not even attempt to rationalize his action. As in the Soviet Union, he simply ordered his bureaucratic apparatus to enforce the ban, contrary to all visible law of the country. But the Kafkaesque quality of such "justice" does not stop there.

Under Swedish law, no mere police decision can arbitrarily ban representatives of one particular publication from soliciting subscriptions at the site. To jus-

tify the decision, the police would have to present to the court hard evidence that the *EIR* representatives have disturbed the public order, or obstructed the pathway through the airport.

But the Swedish police cannot do this, for the simple reason that the evidence does not exist. In fact, other literature salesmen continue to stand in exactly the same place as the *EIR* representatives!

This fact would devastate the police's case were the issue of the ban of *EIR* to come before the courts. Thus, in typical KGB fashion, Palme's minions are doing everything possible to keep the case from coming before the courts.

How then can *EIR* get a legal hearing in Sweden? It was determined that the only possible way would be to violate the order, and get arrested. *EIR* representatives thus showed up at the airport on June 26 and June 27 to carry out their ordinary activity. Police chief Smedjegaarden soon appeared also. While ordering his constables to bodily remove the *EIR* salesmen, he simultaneously ordered them *not* to arrest the organizers.

"No, not to the station!" he shouted. "No, don't write anything!"

Finally, on June 29, the Swedish European Labor Party staged a demonstration against the KGB ban of *EIR* at the airport. Seven people were arrested and held in solitary confinement for five hours. In their fury, the Swedish police arrested a passerby and a photographer, as well as the demonstrators.

Yet, Palme's police are still intending to keep the case out of court! Indications are that they will use the so-called LTD law, a law authorizing temporary arrest, but exempting the police from the necessity of consulting a prosecutor, or even reporting the incident!

Olof Palme knows he's in trouble. *EIR*'s exposes of his collusion with the KGB and Nazis have hurt him badly, during a time when there is growing recognition that "liberal" Sweden is a police state.

Let the Swedish government know what you think of their actions against *EIR*. Spread the word about Palme's police state.