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# Who banned *EIR* from Stockholm airport?

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*During the course of a legal fight to sell EIR at the public area of Scandinavia's largest international airport, Arlanda, EIR Stockholm Bureau counterintelligence specialist Claes Wahl uncovered a trail of scandal which points to a Soviet intelligence security operation of major military significance. What follows is a part of the dossier on the Arlanda Security Police and its police chief, Sven Hugo Smedjegaarden.*

The facts in the following report permit only two conclusions: The Soviet military KGB "Spetsnaz" sabotage and infiltration capability has effectively taken control over Stockholm's international Arlanda Airport; and second, the Swedish government of socialist leader Olof Palme is wittingly covering up this fact.

### Sven Hugo Smedjegaarden

Police Superintendent Sven Hugo Smedjegaarden is chief of police at Arlanda, the principal airport of Sweden, outside Stockholm. It was Smedjegaarden personally, with full backing of Stockholm's Police Director Hans Holmer and the Swedish Rikspolisstyrelsen ("FBI") Chief Holger Romander, who recently acted to illegally ban *EIR* from the Arlanda international terminal.

As chief of police, Smedjegaarden keeps in his safe the military contingency plans in case of war. Therefore, everything concerning the military defense of Arlanda depends on Smedjegaarden's reliability as a Swedish patriot.

According to several sources, Smedjegaarden is living with Anita Berg, station hostess at Arlanda for the Soviet Aeroflot airlines. Berg has been positively identified by several sources as a KGB-GRU operative.

Six months after Smedjegaarden took over in November 1976 as Chief of Police at the newly separated Arlanda Airport Police District, he appointed one Stig Berling as Officer-in-Charge of the Arlanda Police Force. Berling worked closely under Smedjegaarden until 1979, when Berling was arrested and sentenced to life in prison for espionage on behalf of the Soviet KGB.

Anita Berg, a Swedish national, is the daughter of long-standing active members of the Swedish Communist Party. She spent summers in youth camps in the Soviet Union, married a Soviet citizen Alexander A. Kotjerkin in 1966, and

moved to Moscow. On return to Sweden in 1975, Berg was made Station Hostess in charge of the Soviet State Airline, Aeroflot, at Arlanda in Stockholm. According to a well-informed Swedish Sovietologist, the post of Aeroflot Station Hostess is a traditional KGB function.

According to a top secret Swedish government investigation, the Arlanda airport is a weak point in the Swedish military defense regardless of KGB infiltration. Previously, Stockholm's international airport was located at Bromma in Stockholm, a smaller airfield close to Stockholm's II Infantry battalion at Kungsaengen. Bromma was easy to defend by the air-base at Tullinge and the Kungsaengen Infantry.

During the 1960s, under direction of then Communications Minister Olof Palme, Stockholm's international airfield was relocated to Arlanda, some 70 kilometers north of Stockholm. It takes at least one hour for the Kungsaengen Infantry to reach Arlanda. According to the government investigation, this makes it possible for an invader to land one airborne brigade at Arlanda before Swedish troops reach the airfield. Arlanda airport is the third largest airfield in Europe, and has two runways longer than 2 kilometers. Unlimited heavy military equipment can be landed at Arlanda without creating a queue, since aircraft can land at one runway and take off at another.

Whether or not Smedjegaarden is fully witting as an operative of Soviet intelligence or whether he has allowed himself to be placed in a highly compromised position which would make him susceptible to blackmail, the net effect is a "red flag" security breach of the entire northern flank of Western Europe.

### Corruption at Arlanda

In the 1976-77 period when Smedjegaarden and Berling were establishing control of the Arlanda airport police, Swedish Customs Police and Criminal Police uncovered a major organized-crime heroin ring operating out of Arlanda, linked to SAS Airline Catering Company and corrupt customs officials. The investigation was aborted by what has been called an "official" coverup by top officials of Prime Minister Olof Palme's National Police Board.

Most recently, Arlanda, under Smedjegaarden, was the transshipment point for smuggling of sensitive computer and electronics equipment from the United States to the Soviet Union. The most scandalous case involved the Swedish Stansab computer company delivering to the Soviets a complete advanced radar-air-navigation base to the Moscow Aeroflot airfield.

There is further evidence that Soviet intelligence is using Arlanda as a model for other airports in the West. According to a source at Arlanda, the Iceland Reykjavik Airport recently changed security routines, implementing a tough new security system to prevent an "Arlanda" situation. The Soviet response came through the Aeroflot representatives at Reykjavik who complained, "Why don't we have our own door, as we have at Arlanda?"