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LUSAKA, ZAMBIA (AP) -- A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH GIVING INFORMATION TO THE CIA APPEARED BEFORE A LUSAKA MAGISTRATE FRIDAY.

THE CASE WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL JULY 16 AND WEBSTER LUMBWE, 30, REMAINED IN CUSTODY.

TWO SENIOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, JOHN DAVID FINNEY AND MICHAEL FRANCIS O'BRIEN, WERE ORDERED OUT OF THE COUNTRY BY THE GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 22 ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR THE CIA.

THE INFORMATION LUMBWE ALLEGEDLY PASSED TO THE AMERICANS WAS INTENDED TO BE USEFUL TO A FOREIGN POWER AND PREJUDICIAL TO THE SAFETY OR INTERESTS OF ZAMBIA, THE OFFICIAL CHARGES SAID. THE GOVERNMENT IMPLIED THAT THE CIA WAS PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA.

AT THE TIME OF LUMBWE'S ARREST LAST MONTH, A ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID LUMBWE TOLD INVESTIGATORS THE CIA WAS INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON ARMS ZAMBIA GOT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, THE POLITICAL LEANINGS OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND KAUNDA'S PARTY ''OVER WHAT THE CHURCHES ALLEGED WAS INTRODUCTION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM IN SCHOOLS.''

ZAMBIAN SOURCES SAID THE EXPULSIONS WERE ORDERED AFTER A SECOND UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE KAUNDA'S GOVERNMENT. THE FIRST ATTEMPT WAS LAST OCTOBER, THEY SAID.

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