



Swede Tells Spying on U. S. for Russians

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (AP) —

The foreign ministry announced today that a Swedish air force colonel, who formerly served as air attache in Washington, has confessed that he sold American and Swedish military secrets to Russian agents over a 15-year period.

A spokesman said Col. Stig Erik Constans Wennerstroem, 57, was arrested on espionage charges last Thursday in what was described as the worst spy case in Swedish history.

Col. Wennerstroem served from 1952 to 1957 as air attache in the Swedish embassy in Washington. Informed sources said it was during this time that he sold American secrets to the Russians.

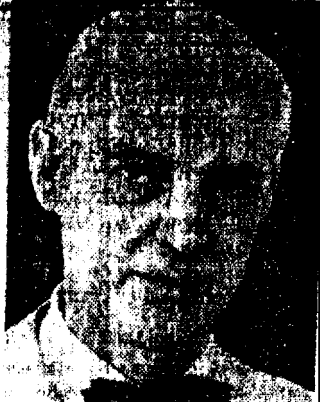
The colonel had gone to Washington from Moscow where he had served a 3-year tour of duty as air attache in the Swedish embassy.

An Agent Since 1948

A foreign ministry spokesman said the colonel confessed to security police that he had been selling top secret information to the Russians since 1948. The spokesman said the government was trying to ascertain the extent of the damage caused to Swedish security.

The spokesman told a press conference that Sweden had declared two Russian diplomats persona non grata in the spy case and ordered them to leave Sweden immediately.

The Russians were identified



Col. Stig Wennerstroem

as Military Attache Maj. Gen. Mikolsky and the embassy first secretary, identified only as Barnovki.

The foreign ministry has lodged a strong protest with the Russians against the spying and demand that it be stopped.

Photographs Documents

The spokesman said Col. Wennerstroem admitted handing over "a great deal of information" to the Russians during the 15 years he spied for them. He told security police he photographed top secret documents and gave the films to his contacts at the Russian embassy.

According to the spokesman, there was nothing to indicate the colonel had any accomplices beyond the Russian contacts.

After his five years of Washington duty, he returned to Stockholm, where he served in the defense command until 1961 and then at the foreign ministry as a specialist on disarmament questions.

In Stockholm the colonel lived with his wife and two children in an expensive house in the smart suburb of Djursbo. He and his wife were well known in Stockholm social

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