

OLYMPIC SIZED PROBLEM

**SWEDISH SPY  
DIES IN SOVIET  
PRISON CAMP**

The government of Sweden is coming under increasing pressure to boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow unless the Soviets provide the answer to one of the most puzzling espionage cases in Cold War history.

The case, which has become a major cause celebre in Sweden, concerns Raul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat and International Red Cross official who entered Hungary in 1944 to negotiate the release of several hundred thousand Jews and war prisoners. According to Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, who has spent years investigating the Wallenberg case, the Swede managed to save at least 80,000 people at the same time the Red Army swept into the country; then Wallenberg disappeared without a trace.

The Swedish government has, for over 30 years, pressed the Soviet government for an accounting of Wallenberg's whereabouts—prisoners released from gulags during the past two decades have reported seeing Wallenberg in the Soviet prison camps. The Soviets, however, disclaimed any knowledge of the case until last year when Soviet officials privately told members of the Swedish government that Wallenberg was arrested in 1945, imprisoned, and died in captivity.

The Swedes were not completely satisfied with the answer, and two months ago, the government took an extraordinary step by declassifying several documents related to the case. The documents caused such a sensation that a number of private groups called on the government to boycott the Olympics unless they got the full story from the Soviets. Conveying the government position, one Swedish official said, "there is no plan to do that, at least not yet."

Meanwhile, The INSIDER has learned from CIA officials familiar with the case that Wallenberg was mixing intelligence duties with his humanitarian work on behalf of the British and the Americans by serving as a go-between for a separate peace deal between the then-fascist government of Hungary and the Allies. Furious, Stalin ordered Wallenberg imprisoned. Driven insane by his ordeal, Wallenberg was shunted from camp to camp, and died six years ago.

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