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Swedish and American Ties in the Cold War



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A Talk in English by
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420 W. 116th Street, N.Y.C.
(between W. Amsterdam Avenue
and Morningside Drive)

Is Sweden really a neutral country? Was it neutral even during the Cold War? In the course of investigating such questions, this veteran Swedish journalist has examined the ties between the Swedish and American governments, including agreements between military and intelligence services to provide for the defense of this “alliance-free” Nordic nation through the last half of the past century.

Roger Älmeberg has a personal reason to be curious about such matters: his father piloted a Swedish spy plane that was shot down by the Soviets over the Baltic in 1952—and not salvaged until 2004. The Swedish plane was equipped for advanced signal intelligence against the Soviet Union, and the results were put to use not only by Sweden but were also exchanged among intelligence services in Sweden, the U.S.A., and Great Britain. The Swedish government lied to or concealed the truth about what had happened from the Swedish public and the families of the eight missing crew members.

Roger Älmeberg has worked as a journalist for over thirty years, at such publications as *Aftonbladet*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Smålands Folkblad* and *Östgöta Correspondenten*. He has been a reporter, producer and project leader at Swedish Television and chief of Swedish Radio services for several provinces. His new book, *Hemliga förbindelser* (Secret Connections: The Baltic DC-3 Incident, Sweden, and the Cold War), will be published in September in Stockholm.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

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