

Sweden Complains of 'U.S. Spying'

Stockholm

The Swedish Foreign Office yesterday summoned the U.S. charge d'affaires to deliver a verbal protest against alleged spy activities by an American diplomat who already has left the country.

The ministry officials expressed the government's "strong disapproval" that Bruce Hutchins, a former second secretary at the U.S. Embassy, had been operating in Sweden as an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The diplomatic move followed a claim in a leftist magazine that about one year ago Hutchins tried to hire a Kenyan citizen, Arthur Opot, to get information about certain African embassies in Stockholm and about some Swedish newsmen who covered the war in Angola.



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BRUCE HUTCHINS
He was called a CIA agent

The charges led to an investigation by the Swedish security police.

The U.S. Embassy has refused to comment on the case.

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