

Dutch Shootout Terrorists Tied to Red Army Faction

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—Two West German terrorists—one sought in the kidnap-slaying of Hanns-Martin Schleyer—were hospitalized in serious condition yesterday after a shootout with Dutch police.

Officials said the apartment they used as a hideout was in a working class suburb below the flight path to Schiphol Airport but that they had no evidence any airport attack was planned.

Newspapers said the airport could be viewed from the upper windows of the building, including the floor on which the terrorists lived, and that the apartment door nameplate bore a Japanese-sounding name — Sakurada.

However, neighbors told reporters they know nothing about Sakurada and the Dutch cooperative operating the apartment said no information would be given.

The terrorists were cut down by police Thursday night as they tried to shoot and grenade their way out of a public telephone booth after they had left their sixth-floor apartment in the west of Amsterdam. Three policemen were slightly wounded.

The terrorists were identified as Christoph Wackernagel, 26, an actor and member of the German Red Army Faction also known as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, and Gerd Richard Schneider, 29, wanted for a German courthouse bombing.

Dutch police had tentatively identified Schneider as Rolf Clemens Wagner, 33, named along with Wackernagel on a list of 16 wanted extremists. The list was issued by West German authorities

after Schleyer, a top German industrialist, was found murdered Oct. 19 in the trunk of a car in Mulhouse, France.

Amsterdam police said the original identification had been made from photographs, but that fingerprints transmitted from Germany proved the man really was Schneider, who is not specifically linked with the Baader-Meinhof gang.

In addition to the Schleyer killing, Wackernagel is sought in the slayings earlier this year of two other prominent Germans — Chief Federal Prosecutor Siegfried Buback and banker Juergen Ponto. He also has been linked with an abortive attempt to launch a rocket attack on the building housing the Federal Criminal Office in Wiesbaden and other terrorist activity.

Amsterdam's chief public prosecutor, A. N. Messchaert, told reporters the terrorists' apartment was discovered by chance during an investigation into the kidnaping two weeks ago of Dutch property magnate Maurits Caransa. The apartment was placed under surveillance and Messchaert said there was evidence it had been used by Red Army Faction terrorists for several months.