

Police hold Schleyer suspects in shoot-out

BERNE, Tuesday.

Swiss police today arrested a man and a woman believed to be West German terrorists, wanted in connection with the October murder of West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said it was possible that the pair were Willy Peter Stoll and Juliane Plambeck who were on a wanted list circulated by West German authorities after the killing of Dr Schleyer.

Police interrogating the couple are carrying out identity checks in co-operation with West German police at Wiesbaden.

Police arrested the pair in a road chase after they

shot and wounded two Swiss frontier guards checking their French-registered car at Fahy on the Swiss-French border about 50 miles north-west of here.

Stoll, aged 27, and Plambeck, aged 25, were among 16 suspected terrorists whose photographs were published by West German authorities after the murder of Dr Schleyer, 62-year-old president of the West German Employers' Federation.

Dr Schleyer was found shot dead in the boot of an abandoned car in Mulhouse, France, on October 19, after Bonn authorities refused to release 11 jailed Baader-Meinhof urban guerrillas in exchange for his

freedom. He had been kidnapped six weeks earlier in a bloody street ambush in Cologne.

A police statement said a Customs officer halted the car on a road banned to traffic in the wooded Jura mountain country.

He alerted a colleague by "walkie-talkie" radio and got into the car, directing the driver to Fahy Customs post.

Inside the Customs building the woman pulled out a pistol and shot at both officers, wounding one in the leg and the other in the shoulder.

The pair then jumped back in the car and fled, abandoning the vehicle at the outskirts of Porrentruy, a small town, about seven miles away.

They got into a taxi at



Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer

the local railway station and headed for Delemont. But police there had been alerted and set up a road block where they seized the pair before they could resist, the statement said.

Both had false documents and were detained in police cells at Delemont. — Reuter.