

# *A Released in a Bid To Save Lorenz*

BERLIN (AP) — Police freed four anarchists and prepared a plane to fly them out of Germany in a bid to save kidnaped Peter Lorenz, the Christian Democrat leader whose party won in yesterday's municipal elections.

Lorenz, 52, and the Christian Democrat candidate for mayor of West Berlin, was kidnaped Thursday by a terrorist gang that warned it would kill him unless the anarchists were freed. The kidnapers said the prisoners had to be released and flown out of Germany by this morning.

The four anarchists were taken to Frankfurt and a jetliner of the national airline, Lufthansa, was standing by with a volunteer crew of four. A police spokesman said authorities were waiting for a decision by the four — two men and two women. "They do not know what they want. They do not know where to go," he said.

Political leaders of the major parties agreed that the abduction of Lorenz was a significant factor in the strong showing by the Christian

Democrats. But while they gained 44 per cent of the vote they fell short of a majority in the assembly and it appeared doubtful that Lorenz, if he is released unharmed, would be selected as mayor by the assembly.

There was a possibility that the governing Social Democrats, who won 42.7 per cent of the ballots, would form a coalition with the Free Democrats with 7.2 per cent and maintain control.

Lorenz, a native Berliner, got 53.1 per cent of the vote in his home district, and when the figure was announced at election headquarters both his followers and political opponents joined in applause.

Former Social Democrat Mayor and Chancellor Willy Brandt said he believed the kidnaping had gained sympathy for Lorenz and tipped the scale in favor of the Christian Democrats.

Helmut Kohl, national chairman of the Christian Democrats, told newsmen it was an "unprecedented scandal that an abduction should be possi-

ble right in the middle of an election. But he said after the returns were in that "for the first time we have become the biggest party in Germany's biggest city and this is a tremendous victory."

It also was the first time in 20 years that the Social Democrats did not win an absolute majority.

A coalition of Social Democrats and Free Democrats would copy the national level in Bonn, but no talks were expected to begin over political pacts until Lorenz' fate is known.

The kidnapers demanded the release of six anarchists but agreed to accept only four when two of those named refused to go along with the scheme.

Police said two of the prisoners, Rolf Pohle, 32, and Rolf Heissler, 26, were released from different prisons in Bavaria and flown to Frankfurt Airport in helicopters.