

## Bonn Asks South Yemen to Grant Asylum

# *5 Anarchists, Hostage Land in Aden*

BERLIN (AP) — A West German jetliner carrying five anarchists released in a bid to gain freedom for a kidnaped West Berlin politician landed yesterday in Aden, South Yemen, after being barred by several other countries.

A government spokesman said West Germany has asked South Yemen to grant the anarchists refuge.

It was unclear whether the anarchists — three women and two men — wanted to remain in Aden on the southern part of the Arabian peninsula or only stopped to refuel the plane.

The Lufthansa jet carrying the anarchists along with Lutheran Pastor Heinrich Albertz and four crewmen landed in Aden after it was refused permission to stop in Syria, French Somaliland and Tripoli. When it touched down in Aden, ending a zig-zag 10-hour flight

from Frankfurt, Germany, it had only two hours of fuel left.

The West German spokesman said the government "is seeking the agreement of South Yemen authorities, in the interests of the release of Peter Lorenz, to the wish of the five prisoners for unhindered sojourn."

Lorenz, 52, was seized Thursday by kidnapers who threatened to kill him unless the anarchists were freed and flown out of Germany. He won a seat in the West Berlin assembly in Sunday's municipal elections and is the Christian Democrat candidate for mayor of the city.

Lufthansa officials in Frankfurt said a second plane with a replacement crew had departed Germany but they declined to give its destination.

Albertz, following the kidnapers' de-

mands, went on the flight to guarantee the anarchists' safety. The kidnapers have said they will hold Lorenz, presumably at a hideout in West Berlin, until the anarchists gain asylum and Albertz returns home.

Interior Minister Werner Maihofer originally told newsmen in Bonn that the plane was headed in the direction of Ethiopia.

West German police said one of the anarchists at first demanded that the plane land in Tripoli but that Libyan authorities refused. Police said the Syrian government in Damascus also refused to let the plane land.

Maihofer and Justice Minister Hans Jochen Vogel declined to comment when asked what would happen if no asylum abroad was found for the released anarchists.

Vogel replied evasively when asked whether they might be amnestied in return for Lorenz's release if the plane was forced to return to Frankfurt with its mission unaccomplished.

He said the decision to release the five anarchists was "very difficult" because it weighed Lorenz' life against "the undeniable hindrance of the state in its power to protect the peace in the future."

But he denied that freeing the five prisoners had set a precedent for government reaction to future cases of extortion.

The decision was taken on the merits of the individual case at hand and was not "a decision in principle, which would have laid down that all extortion cases would be so handled in the future," Vogel said.