

Anarchist's Death Ruled As Suicide

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — Investigators ruled Monday that the death of anarchist Ulrike Meinhof in her prison cell was a suicide. The death touched off bombings in Paris and Rome, paint smears on the home of the West German ambassador in Copenhagen and a demonstration by 300 people in West Berlin.

The Bonn government put security forces on an alert, but no retaliatory violence was reported in West Germany.

The Stuttgart prosecutor's office, reporting preliminary results of an autopsy, said Mrs. Meinhof had clearly taken her own life.

The body of the 41-year-old co-leader of the Baader-Meinhof Gang was found hanging by a piece of toweling Sunday morning from one of the bars on the window of her maximum security cell in Stammheim Prison.

Mrs. Meinhof, Andreas Baader and two other leaders of the gang that called itself the **Red Army Faction** have been on trial in Stuttgart for nearly a year. They were charged with a series of terrorist attacks four years ago in which four American servicemen and a German policeman were killed.

The Stuttgart prosecutor's office said Mrs. Meinhof was last seen alive by a prison guard who saw her typing in her cell at 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Papers found in the cell gave no indication of any intention of suicide, a spokesman said, and an investigation was ordered.

Bombs went off Sunday at the Paris offices of two West German steel firms, causing heavy damage and fires but no casualties. Paris Police Commissioner Pierre Somveille said they obviously were related to Mrs. Meinhof's death.

A bomb exploded early today in front of the Rome office of a West German tourist agency, blowing open the front door and causing slight damage inside the office. Officials said a note was found which said the bomb was set off by "The Holger Meins Anti-Imperialistic Center."

Meins, another member of the gang, died of a hunger strike in a West German prison in 1974.

The **red** daubings on the front wall of the home of the West German ambassador in Copenhagen included the letters RAF for Rote Armee Fraktion, or Red Army Faction.