

Heroine to Radicals Hanged in Cell

Stuttgart, Germany —AP— The body of Ulrike Meinhof, a heroine to European radicals, was found hanging Sunday from bars of her cell in Stammheim prison.

The 41 year old former journalist had been on trial for nearly a year with three other members of the Baader-Meinhof anarchist gang. They were charged with a series of terrorist attacks, including those that killed four American servicemen and a German policeman.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office reported that Mrs. Meinhof was last seen alive Saturday night by a prison guard who said she was typing.

Papers in the cell when she was found dead gave no indication of intent to commit suicide, the spokesman said.

West German authorities, fearing retaliation by anarchist sympathizers, put security forces on alert.

In Paris, bombs caused heavy damage and fires, but no casualties at the offices of two West German industrial firms. Police said the bombs certainly were linked to Mrs. Meinhof's death. A German travel office in Rome also was bombed.

About 300 demonstrators marched in West Berlin carrying placards reading, "Murder in Jail," to protest her death.

Until 1968, Mrs. Meinhof was a successful journalist



Ulrike Meinhof

who wrote her own column in a satirical-leftist magazine owned by her then-husband Klaus Rainer Roehl, father of her two children. But she parted with her family that year and quit her job.

She went to West Berlin where authorities said she helped free **Andreas Baader**, who was serving a sentence for arson. A guard was shot and seriously wounded when **Baader** was freed.

Mrs. Meinhof and Baader disappeared into the under-

ground from where they organized the Red Army Faction (RAF), which police say was responsible for acts that terrorized West Germany for several years.

After the re-arrest of Baader, Mrs. Meinhof was apprehended in 1972. A West Berlin court sentenced her to eight years in prison.