

Top Anarchist Found Hanged In German Cell

STUTTGART, West Germany (AP) — Ulrike Meinhof, on trial for nearly a year with three other members of the Baader-Meinhof anarchist gang, was found hanged in her maximum security cell yesterday, the Stuttgart prosecutor's office reported.

A spokesman said the 41-year-old former journalist was last seen alive by a guard in fortress-like Stammheim prison Saturday night and heard typing in her cell until 10:30 p.m.

When another guard opened her cell yesterday morning, he found Mrs. Meinhof suspended at the window rails from a piece of her prison toweling. The spokesman said a doctor confirmed her death.

The spokesman said the paper she left behind gave no indication of any intent to commit suicide. He said further details would be released after an inquiry.

West German authorities put security forces on alert in fear of retaliation by sympathizers of the leftist radical gang.