

# Bonn Seizes Suspected Guerrillas

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BONN — State and federal police captured two ringleaders of a West German anarchist band in Frankfurt early Thursday believed to have been responsible for a wave of bombings that killed four American soldiers and injured 30 persons last month.

The two leaders were identified by federal authorities as Andreas Baader, 29, and Holger Meins, 30. Two other suspects were seized at the scene but not immediately identified. The group is popularly known as the Baader-Meinhof gang.

Baader and Meins had been sought in a countryside operation, along with 17 other alleged gang members, including a former journalist, Ulrike Meinhof, 37, in connection with a series of terrorist actions dating back to 1968.

They are believed to have been responsible for six bombings that took the lives of four American soldiers and injured 30 persons in West Germany in the fortnight between May 11 and May 24.

The Baader-Meinhof group had declared its participation in these bombings and other terrorist acts as members of the "Red Army Faction," an assemblage of leftist-anarchists who preach terror against "imperialism" as a means of achieving "revolution."

They are believed in police circles to have international connections to like minded groups in Italy, Japan and France. Baader, Miss Meinhof and others received weapons training from Palestinian guerrillas in the Middle East during the summer of 1970 after Baader was freed from jail in Berlin by masked gunmen. He had been sentenced for setting fire to a Frankfurt department store in 1968.

Last year the group turned for a time to bank robbery, operating with fast cars and armed with automatic rifles, and amassing hundreds of thousands of marks. Then came a series of confrontations with the police that left at least three gang members and three patrolmen dead.

The well-appointed three-story apartment house at no. 2 Hofeckweg in North Frankfurt where Thursday's action took place had evidently been under police observation for some time.

Shortly after 5 a.m., a special squad of Frankfurt, Hessian state and federal police cordoned off the corner building and called on the suspects to

leave their hideout, a garage on the property.

The scene was recorded by West German television.

When there was no response they fired tear gas grenades into the building from an armored car in the courtyard.

The suspects began firing with pistols and automatic rifles. Some of the bullets had been filed down to dumdums. The police fired a few rounds in return. When the armored car started to ram the closed garage door Holger Meins came out. He was stripped to his bikini undershorts and led away. Then out came Andreas Baader, shooting wildly from a 45-caliber pistol.

Baader was hit in the right hip by a police bullet and he cried out twice in pain. On a stretcher in blue jeans and a sweater he called the police "pigs, pigs." With his huge sideburns and bleached hair he was scarcely identifiable with the police mugshot that showed him with short dark hair. The two were later identified by fingerprints. Like other members of the gang under arrest, they refused to answer interrogators.

A red Porsche outside the apartment was found to contain had grenades and a large homemade bomb, the police reported later.

The federal criminal office, which is overseeing the country-wide operation, disclosed the license numbers of five other cars sought in connection with the gang and warned that they might contain bombs.

A bomb went off in a West Berlin apartment this afternoon and was attributed to the terrorists.

A further bomb threat in Frankfurt Thursday evening by a red army faction cell caused the police to strengthen patrols, and close theaters. The populace was warned to avoid the downtown area.

The city of Stuttgart, with a population of 700,000, also faces the threat of bomb blasts from alleged red army members Friday afternoon and schools have been ordered to close early.

Miss Meinhof, a divorcee and the mother of two, was being sought in the Frankfurt area after a tape recording of her voice was played at a meeting of 1,000 under the auspices of a "red aid" group at the Frankfurt University last night. The leading ideologist of West Germany's anarchists, Miss Meinhof was said to have attended the meeting in disguise.

According to Interior Minister

Hans-Dietrich Genscher 40 members of the anarchist groupings are already behind bars. Roughly 60 more, including the 17 hard-core Baader-Meinhof gang, are still being pursued. Some of the cells have taken names for their fallen comrades, Thomas Weissbecker and Petra Schelm. Others in Berlin call themselves members of "The Black Cells." All appear to include themselves in the "Red Army Faction."

The similarity of this name to

Japan's "United Red Army" that sent three terrorists to shoot up Israel's Lydda airport and the connection of both to Palestinian guerrillas has led police officials here to presume that the German anarchists have international ties.

It is noted here that the West German anarchists share both ideology and methods with extremists in Japan and elsewhere in West Europe — believing in "bombing our way into the consciousness of the masses" and in tight cell organization.