

Bomb Threat Empties Streets of Stuttgart at Midday

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STUTT GART, West Germany, June 2—Thousands of policemen combed streets, parks and parking lots for an hour today, seeking cars loaded with explosives that anarchists had threatened to set off between 1 and 2 P.M.

The police search, a day after the seizure in Frankfurt of three leading members of an extreme left-wing terrorist group, produced no evidence backing the bomb threat, and no explosions had occurred by nightfall.

As seconds ticked away to the midday deadline in the deserted streets and avenues of this beautiful city in the Swabian hills, the state capital of Baden-Württemberg, the police in Frankfurt announced that they had determined the identity of one of two other persons arrested yesterday with Andreas Baader and Holger Meins. The third man, they said, was Jan-Carl Raspe, 27 years old and Austrian-born.

Together with Baader, 29, Meins, 30, and Miss Ulrike Meinhof, 37, who is still at large, Raspe had been on the

wanted list for two years as a member of what is popularly known as the Baader-Meinhof gang. The group is suspected of being responsible for the wave of bombings since May 11 that killed four American soldiers and for at least three more murders and numerous bank robberies since 1969.

3 Leaders at Large

According to the federal police, who supervised this week's nationwide dragnet for the "urban guerrillas," as the terrorists called themselves, Raspe's capture reduced the number of leaders still at large to three. Thirteen less important members of the group are also being sought.

In West Berlin, the stepped-up search for West Germany's urban guerrillas, or "Red Army Faction," another name the group calls itself, led today to the discovery of about 100 pounds of chemicals which, the police said, would be sufficient to produce 100 homemade bombs of the type used in last month's bombings.

According to the West Berlin police, the chemicals were found in an apartment wrecked

by fire and a subsequent explosion yesterday.

There had been bombings in Frankfurt, Munich, Augsburg, Hamburg and Heidelberg. The threat to Stuttgart came in a

letter to news organizations this week. The letter, signed "Red Army Group," said three bombs had been planted in cars and would go off today as an expression of protest of American policies in Vietnam.

The City Shuts Down

Street life came to a virtual standstill just before 1 P.M. Under instructions from the police, parks closed their gates and taxi drivers refused all fares until 2 o'clock. Most department stores closed for the day at 11 A.M. and the city's 140 schools dismissed their students in time to get home before 1 o'clock.

The numerous stands where old women sell baked goods in downtown Stuttgart closed down punctually at noon, leaving hand-written announcements saying "interrupting business for safety reasons between noon and 2 P.M."

Around 1 P.M., the landlady of a downtown pub ordered one of her waitresses to open all the windows. Asked why, she said, "We can do with some fresh air, can't we?" She then added: "These panes are damn expensive, you know."

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