

West Germany:

Making 'Revolution'

The time: shortly after 5 A.M. last Thursday. The place: outside a wellappointed three-story apartment house Frankfurt, Germany. A special in squad of state and federal police had just cordoned off a garage adjacent to the apartment. One of the officers shouted through a bullhorn to the building's occupants: "Come out! Your means are limited but ours are unlimited." When there was no response, tear gas cannisters were lobbed into the structure. Pistol and automatic rifle fire came from the building in response. The police called up an armored car to have it ram through the garage doors. As the vehicle started, a young man emerged and was apprehended. A second man came out, shooting wildly with a .45 caliber pistol; he was felled by a police bullet in the hip.

Thus ended the first stage of one of the most intense manhunts in recent German history. The two young men, Holger Meins, 30, who was arrested, and Andreas Baader, 29, who was wounded, are believed to have been responsible for a wave of bombings that killed four American soldiers and injured 30 persons last month. Known popularly as the Baader-Meinhof gang — former journalist Ulrike Meinhof, 37, is still being sought-along with 17 other adherents — the group preaches terror against American "imperialism" as a means of achieving "revolution." The terrorists are believed to have connections with like-minded groups in Italy, Japan and France. Baader and Miss Meinhof, among others, are said to have received weapons training in the Middle East from Palestinian guerrillas after Baader was freed in 1970 by masked gunmen who invaded the Berlin jail, where he had been imprisoned for setting fire to a Frankfurt department store.

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