

Germany Passes Gun Law

BONN, Germany (AP) — West Germans wanting to own guns now have to register them and prove their need for them by terms of the first new firearms law since the Nazis encouraged private ownership of weapons.

The law passed uncontested in parliament Friday after a wave of bombings and terrorism by the anarchist **Red Army Faction**. Four Americans were killed and at least 36 persons were injured in bombings of U.S. Army and West German military installations that climaxed the outbreak.

Changes in the old law had long been resisted by West German arms manufacturers and marksmen's associations.

Chancellor Willy Brandt's reshuffled Federal Cabinet said meanwhile it had no plans to revalue the Deutschmark currency.

A statement said the government would continue to follow the market economy principles advocated by Karl Schiller, who resigned as minister of economics and minister of finance.

It was the first statement on the subject since Schiller was succeeded by Helmut Schmidt, former defense minister. Schiller quit after he was outvoted on new regulations regulating inflows of foreign currency.

The declaration said the new controls were "a pragmatic answer to a program for which the West German federal government is not responsible." This was a reference to Britain's floating of the Pound Sterling last week.