Autopsies Begun In Germany On 3 Urban Guerrilla Leaders

BONN (Reuter) — An international team of pathologists today began postmortems on the three leaders of the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla gang who were found dead Tuesday in their cells in Stuttgart's maximum security prison.

Justice officials said Andreas Baader, Jan-Carl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin killed themselves, apparently in despair at the failure of attempts by guerrillas outside to force the government to release them.

But the officials said the three had been in virtual isolation and could not explain how they got the implements to commit suicide.

Baader, 34, and Raspe, 33, shot themselves in the head with pistols, and Ensslin, 37, hanged herself with a rope, they said.

Stabbed With Bread Knife

A fourth guerrilla, Irmgard Moeller, stabbed herself in the chest with a bread knife. She is in a hospital where her condition was reported as critical.

A few hours before the deaths, West German commandos had stormed into an airliner in Mogadishu, the capital of the East African state of Somalia, to free 86 hostages held for five days by hijackers demanding the freedom of 11 urban guerrillas jailed in West Germany.

Another guerrilla unit has been holding kidnaped industrial leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer under threat of death for six weeks, but the government has not 'yielded.

Investigation Ordered

The Baden-Wurttemberg state government, which is responsible for the Stuttgart prison, ordered an investigation into the three deaths.

It also asked three noted foreign pathologists to take part in the postmortems and invited Amnesty International to send an observer.

The state government was apparently trying to forestall any possible suspicions about the offical version of the deaths;

Ulrike Meinhof, the fourth original leader of the gang, was found hanged in her cell in the prison in May of last year, and some defense lawyers had expressed doubt about the official verdict of suicide.

Baader's Lawyer Says Wound In Back Of Neck

BONN - A lawyer for Baader said today that the convicted terrorist died in his cell of a bullet wound in the back of the

neck and expressed doubt that he committed suicide.

Heinz Funke, the lawyer, told a news conference he saw the fatal wound at an autopsy in Tuebingen, where Baader's body was taken Tuesday from his cell in Stuttgart's Stammheim Prison.

He did not say flatly he thought someone else had killed Baader.

2 German Car Showrooms

Bombed In Italy

TURIN, Italy (Reuter) — Bombs wrecked two West German car showrooms here today "in honor" of the guerrillas who died in prison in West Germany Wednesday, left-wing extremists said.

Police reported cars, windows, and fittings smashed in showrooms of the Volkswagen and BMW companies.

Volkswagen offices in Bologna also were bombed, and leftists tried to set fire to the Milan headquarters of the German communications firm, Siemens.

In Genoa, police arrested 19 leftists who stoned the West German consulate, smashing windows and lights.

Riot police used tear gas grenades in the center of Rome Tuesday night when about 300 demonstrators tried to march on the West German embassy and offices of the Lufthansa Airline

