

TOP DOCTORS PROBE SUICIDES RIDDLE

AN international team of pathologists today began post-mortems on the three leaders of the Baader - Meinhof urban guerrilla gang.

They were found dead yesterday 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 to force the Government to release them.

But officials said the three had been in virtual isolation and were at a loss to explain how they got the guns and rope 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.

A fourth guerrilla, Irmgard Moeller, stabbed herself in the chest with a bread knife.

A few hours before the

deaths West German commandos had stormed the hijacked airliner in Mogadishu, Somalia, to free 86 hostages.

Another guerrilla unit has been holding industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer under threat of death.

An investigation into

the three deaths has been ordered and three noted foreign pathologists and Amnesty International have been asked to take part.

Ulrike Meinhof, the fourth original leader of the gang, was found hanged in her prison cell in May last year, and

some defence lawyers expressed doubts about the official verdict of suicide.

Clash

In Athens and Rome police clashed with demonstrators claiming that West German authorities killed the Baader-Meinhof leaders.

● The President of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) said today that a planned 48-hour worldwide stoppage by pilots next week would be suspended only if the U.N. General Assembly agreed to hold a meeting on hijacks.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said there was a move to give immediate U.N. attention to the problems of terrorism.

TEMPTING WINTER TOURISTS

A NEW combined effort by the Scottish Tourist Board and the British Tourist Authority to bring more visitors to Scotland during the traditionally dead winter and spring months was launched in Edinburgh today.

Henry Marking, the newly appointed chairman of the BTA, was in the city to discuss ways of better promoting Scotland overseas with the board.

He revealed that Jubilee Year has attracted a record

number of 1,000,000 overseas visitors who spent about £170m.

Although this represents only 8 per cent. of the total number of tourists who came north of the Border, they spent 32 per cent. of the money.

Mr Marking said that the figures showed a 15 to 20

per cent. increase growth in the numbers of overseas visitors over the last year, which was due to both authorities combined promotional effort.

Now it is hoped to spread the tourist season over the whole year and raise the accommodation, bed-occupation rate by 15 per cent.

