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Women Deeply Involved in European Terrorism

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Frankfurt, Germany — An "Amazon complex" is said to be running out of control in West Germany these days, as psychologists and experts in social sciences debate why so many young women have become terrorists.

A good half of the unflattering pictures on the latest wanted posters in office buildings are of women. The posters already include a portrait of Susanne Albrecht, the 26 year old daughter of a Hamburg lawyer. She is accused of having led the group that killed an influential banker, Jurgen Ponto, in his home near here July 30.

In Italy, young women have been implicated in most of the terrorist

conspiracies that are plaguing the country. Scores of women are in jail on suspicion of having committed political violence.

Among Italian radicals, a cult has sprung up that reveres a dead woman extremist as a folk heroine. She is Margherita Cagol, known as Mara, slain in a shooting incident with police when they discovered a hideout where she and persons said to be her accomplices were holding a kidnaped executive.

Mara has become the Italian counterpart of Ulrike Meinhof, the West German anarchist who, together with **Andreas Baader**, led a terrorist gang. Mrs. Meinhof was found hanged in

her prison cell last year; **Baader** and other persons accused of having been in the gang are in jail, as is the husband of Mara Cagol, Renato Curcio. He is regarded as the founder of the Red Brigades, a group of extremists that operates clandestinely in northern Italy.

In Sweden, The Netherlands and other countries of Western Europe, young women are active in anarchism. A West German news agency recently conducted a search for precedents in female extremist militancy and asserted that "it all started with Leila Khaled." The reference was to a young Arab who took part in an airplane hijacking in 1970.