

# Kidnapers apparently want statement made

COLOGNE, West Germany (AP) — Government officials said Tuesday they received a letter from terrorists who abducted West German industry leader Hanns Martin Schleyer in a bloody assault on his limousine at a Cologne intersection.

They declined to give the contents of the letter, but a televised reply indicated it included demands for a public statement of some kind. Sources said the letter also demanded the release of 14 imprisoned terrorists but this was not officially confirmed.

The Federal Criminal Office said the letter had been turned over to the government. About an hour before the announcement, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had been called from a meeting of his party and was later seen conferring

with opposition leader Helmut Kohl in the parliament building. They spoke together for about 10 minutes.

Authorities said earlier that two persons were arrested in connection with the ambush kidnaping of Schleyer on Monday and the machine-gun killing of his chauffeur and three bodyguards.

They declined to name those arrested but said the abduction appeared to be the work of a terrorist group known as the Haag-Mayer gang. They said machine-gun shell casings found at the scene of the attack, an intersection in a quiet, wealthy residential neighborhood, came from the kind of weapon used by the terrorist group.

Chief federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said police were uncertain whether the

two arrested persons had anything to do with the kidnaping.

Anonymous telephone callers to a newspaper and news agencies several hours after the kidnaping set a deadline of 5:15 p.m. (11:15 a.m. CDT) for the execution of Schleyer unless imprisoned terrorists were released.

The deadline passed without reported incident, and Rebmann told reporters police have discounted the telephoned threat.

The kidnaping of Schleyer is the third assault on a prominent West German by terrorists since April. Weapons similar to those used in the kidnaping were employed April 7 to assassinate Rebmann's predecessor Siegfried Buback, who directed the successful prosecution of **Andreas Baader**, leader of the Baader-Meinhof gang of urban terrorists, and two associates.

On July 30 banker Juergen Ponto was murdered at his home near Frankfurt and a telephone call later to a news agency in Bonn said "more members of the ruling class will be executed" unless "all political prisoners of war" are released.

Arrested West German terrorists claim they should be treated as prisoners of war since they are at war with the capitalist system.

Schleyer, a 62-year-old director of the Daimler-Benz automobile company, became head of the West German equivalent of the America's National Association of Manufacturers last year.

As a frequent television spokesman for business and industry, he was one of the country's best known industrialists and an obvious target for terrorists. Interior Minister Werner Maihofer told reporters protection for him had been increased two weeks ago.

## Reward of \$25,000 being offered for Chinatown massacre information

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A \$25,000 reward — largest in the city's history — was offered Tuesday for information leading to a conviction in the bloody weekend massacre by three masked gunmen that left five dead and 11 wounded in a Chinatown restaurant.

Mayor George Moscone, who announced the reward, vowed the city would "stop at nothing" in the hunt for the men who took part in the Sunday morning attack — the worst mass slaying ever in San Francisco.

"We are dedicated to making an arrest in this case and seeing those responsible behind bars," he said. In past murder cases, the city has offered up to \$5,000 for information.

police. Records show that since 1969 Chinese gang violence claimed 39 lives prior to the attack Sunday.

Murphy said the attackers' "plan was to shoot young Chinese males." He said the gunmen knew where the Wah Ching members were sitting and unleashed their storm of bullets in that direction.

"But the Wah Ching members reacted immediately. They hit the floor and used tables as a shield and walked away," said Murphy.

"Two of the weapons used (the revolver and rifle) take some training and expertise," he said, "and these people apparently didn't have it."