

# German terrorists captured after embassy bomb attack

STOCKHOLM — (UPI) — Guerrillas blew up the West German embassy with several hostages inside last night but were captured after a brief gunbattle with Swedish police when they tried to escape the blazing building.

Two persons died during the 12-hour occupation of the embassy.

Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme said at a news conference last night one of the guerrillas committed suicide rather than be captured. The embassy's military attache was killed by submachine gun bursts earlier in the day during the initial assault on the building.

Police said none of the 12 hostages was killed in the bombing, although several were seriously injured. German Ambassador Dietrich Stoecher, who was among the dozen held captive for 12 hours, escaped unharmed.

Swedish Justice Minister Lennart Geijer said police had arrested six guerrillas after a pitched gunbattle during which the guerrillas fired from behind parked cars. A

police spokesman said, "that seems to be all of them."

Geijer said all attempts to negotiate an end to the tense drama failed when the West German government refused to bow to guerrilla demands that 26 imprisoned comrades be freed and flown out of Germany with more than \$500,000 ransom.

The explosions were set off shortly after the guerrillas released three women hostages unharmed. At that time, eight or nine hostages and five guerrillas were believed still inside.

Some of the hostages were seen jumping from windows as the four-storey yellow brick structure was engulfed by flames. Eyewitnesses said the guerrillas tried to flee the building through the back door and exchanged gunfire from behind parked cars with police trying to cut off their escape.

The West German government withheld comment last night on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's decision to turn down the terrorists demands.

The terrorists identified

themselves as the "Holger Meins Commando," named after a member of the Baader-Meinhof gang who died after a hunger strike in a West German jail last year. The group is a part of the Red Army Faction.

Meins was regarded as a chief lieutenant to gang leaders Ulrike Meinhof and Andreas Baader. The day after his death, West Berlin's chief judge, Guenther von Drenkmann, was shot and killed during a kidnap attempt.

Just hours before the attack yesterday Ronald Augustin, a 25-year-old Dutchman, was convicted of attempted murder and membership in the June 2 Movement, a group of urban guerrillas that split from the Red Army Faction.

The June 2 Movement claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of West Berlin mayoral candidate Peter Lorenz Feb. 27. The kidnapers held Lorenz six days until authorities agreed to release five imprisoned guerrillas and fly them to South Yemen.