

Chile Holds 13 as Nazi Leaders

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Santiago, Chile, Sept. 11. — Police tonight held 13 German citizens, alleged to be leaders of the Nazi party in Chile, after a day of sensational developments which earlier resulted in seven leading Santiago business men being questioned after a spectacular roundup.

Some of the business men were held after police completed a day-long inquiry. But others were released, and although police admitted this, they gave no indication as to which of the men were held for further questioning.

Arrests of these Germans occurred in Valparaiso, southern Chile, during a series of police raids and searches of Nazi headquarters and private homes. They are four previously arrested, will be held for examination by a court investigating Nazi activities at Valparaiso.

The wildest excitement was caused by this morning's police swoop through the Santiago business district.

Among those seized was Walter Böttger, Commercial Attache of the German Embassy, who reported

ly admitted being the chief of the Nazi party in Chile.

The summoning of businessmen for questioning followed swiftly after a number of documents were found in a raid on Nazi headquarters in a southern Chilean city, police said.

A spokesman for the government asserted that the investigation probably would cause Fritz Weidemann, former Nazi consul at San Francisco, to abandon previously announced plans to come to Chile. He was understood to be in Brazil at present.

The business leaders questioned were: Walter Siering, president of the Bayer Chemical Co.; Alfredo Keliberg, manager of the Aleman Bank; Joaquin Saunders, manager of the A. E. G. Electrical Supply Co.; Gustavo Viering, manager Transocean News Agency; Walter Rauchfuss, a high official in the Deutsch Bank; Otto Barentin, head of the Siemens-Schurckert Co., and Jose Posselt, chief of the commercial section of the Nazi party.