12 Solvay Officials Held on Sabotage Charges by Reds

Berlin, July 4 (AP).—At least 12 officials of the Solvay chemical plant in the Russian-zone of Germany have been arrested on charges of economic sabotage, it was learned today.

West Berlin representatives of the company said several other leading officials had escaped to West Germany.

The East German government said yesterday it was preparing an "economic sabotage trial" against Solvay officials. It charged them with conspiring to prevent nationalization of the company because "99.3 percent of its assets are foreign owned."

Solvay was part of the prewar I. G. Farben chemical trust.