

Ben Barka Abduction Trials Set

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PARIS, June 8—Morocco's Interior Minister, Mohammed Oufkir, will be tried in his absence by a Paris court for the kidnaping of Moroccan opposition leader Mehdi Ben Barka in Paris in October, the Paris appeal court decided here today.

It ruled that five persons detained in connection with the kidnaping would stand trial on charges of "illegal arrest and arbitrary deteneion."

Seven others allegedly involved in the kidnaping would be tried in their absence at the same trial.

They are Oufkir, whom the French allege organized the kidnaping, M. Ahmed Dlimi, assistant director of state security in Morocco, Miloud Chtouki, a Moroccan policeman, and four French underworld figures, former gangster Georges Boucheseiche — at whose suburban home Ben Barka was alleged to have been held following his kidnaping and three alleged accomplices; Julien Le Ny, Pierre Dubail and Jean Pailisse.

A 13th accused to figure at the trial will be former counter-intelligence chief Marcel LeRoy, alleged to have known about the planned kidnaping.

The court today agreed to release LeRoy on provisional liberty pending the trial, but refused to release two other detained men—French newsman Philippe Bernier and Moroccan student El Ghali El Mali.

Still held in prison pending the trial are former intelligence agent Antoine Lopez, narcotics squad policemen Louis Souchon and Roger Voitot.

Justice sources said the trial may take place in September.