

Third Lawyer Representing Ben Barka Family Is Dead

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PARIS, March 16 — Michel Bruguiere, a lawyer in the Mehdi Ben Barka case, died here today of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 45.

He is the third lawyer defending the interests of the family of the missing Moroccan opposition leader to die in six weeks. Pierre Stibbe, 55, died Feb. 3 from a heart attack while pleading in Amiens, northern France. William Thorp, 69, a former president of the French Bar Association, died here Feb. 4, also while pleading and also from a heart attack.

The three lawyers were among six who, during six weeks last September and October pleaded at the exhausting marathon trial of some of Mr. Ben Barka's presumed kidnapers. Mr. Ben Barka was abducted here in broad daylight in the fall of 1965 and is presumed dead.

The trial was suspended Oct. 19 but was scheduled to reopen April 5. It may now have to be postponed.