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## Federal Court Weighs Plea of 7 In Mississippi Rights Slayings

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behalf of the seven. Attorneys for one of the men, Horace Doyle Barnette, argued that his rights had been vio-lated because agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had not informed him that he could have court-appointed counsel before he signed a statement. Hard he Supreme Court runng ——in the Miranda case—did not apply to Barnette because he was not in custody. The seven men were con-victed in the death of Michael man of New York, and James E. Chaney, a Negro of Meridi-

consel before he signed a statement. Barnette was convicted of conspiracy. His statement was used in the trial of 18 others. Of the 18, seven were con-victed and their appeal is be-fore a three-judge Federal panel. Three years after Barnette's Snowden. Three years after Barnette's Snowden.

ATLANTA, May 26 (AP)—A statement, the Supreme Court three-judge Federal court has ruled that officers must advise taken under advisement the appersons in custody that they peals of seven men convicted have a right to an attorney in the Mississippi slayings of before they make any state-three civil rights leaders in ment at all.

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However, United States At-The court's action came after oral arguments were heard on behalf of the seven. Attorney Robert Owens argued that the Supreme Court ruling —in the Miranda case—did not