

## THE BEN BARKA CASE RESUMES IN FRANCE

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PARIS, April 17—The chief of the Moroccan security police, Lieut. Col. Ahmed Dlimi, went on trial today in connection with the kidnapping and presumed murder in October, 1965, of Mehdi Ben Barka, an exiled Moroccan opposition leader.

Five other defendants including a French counterespionage agent, Antoine Lopez, and two French police officers, were in the box with Colonel Dlimi, whose surrender last October interrupted the first phase of the case. The trial is expected to last two months.

Lawyers for the Ben Barka family withdrew from the case today after their request for a further adjournment had been denied by the Presiding Judge, Jean Perez.

The withdrawal does not prevent the trial. Prosecution is in

the hands of the state prosecutor, who filed the criminal case.

During the first trial, which was adjourned last October, the family's lawyers often went further than the prosecutor in questioning the actions of the Moroccan Government and the French police. Their withdrawal is expected to take some heat out of the trial.

Mehdi Ben Barka was kidnapped in broad daylight at a busy intersection and spirited to a suburban villa belonging to Mr. Lopez and he has not been seen since.

Gen. Mohammed Oufkir, Moroccan Defense Minister and close personal aid to King Hassan II, is to be tried in absentia in connection with the case.