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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 Bouchesciche — 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 Palisse.

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