

Lane's Book On Rioting Challenged

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CHICAGO, Jan. 12 (UPI)—

Government lawyers tried today to convince a federal court jury that Mark Lane's book and testimony about rioting during the 1968 Democratic National Convention were marked with discrepancies.

Lane testified for the defense in the trial of seven men charged with conspiring to incite riots during the convention. The author at one point told Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard G. Schultz, "You're editing my book as I sit here."

Lane admitted on several occasions under close cross-examination that statements in his paperback book, "Chicago Eyewitness," were drawn from newspapers accounts rather than personal observations.

Schultz brought out in questioning that Lane wrote in the book, "I report what I saw."

Schultz took Lane over his testimony—and his writings—about melees near the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Wednesday of convention week. Lane had testified he saw three to five policemen dragging a demonstrator toward a paddywagon. In "Chicago Eyewitness," Schultz said, Lane wrote two policemen were involved in the incident.

Schultz brought up another incident that Lane reported in his book had happened two blocks north of the Hilton. In testimony Friday, Lane said it happened in front of the hotel.

Lane also is author of "Rush to Judgment," a book about the assassination of President Kennedy.