

Newsman

Testifies For Ellsberg

Los Angeles

A newsman testifying for the defense at the Pentagon Papers trial refused yesterday to disclose his sources for a book on "The Secret Search for Peace in Vietnam."

Stuart H. Loory, former Washington correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and now executive editor of WNBC-TV in New York, was cross-examined by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nissen.

"Mr. Nissen, I'm sorry but I can't get into a discussion of sources with you," Loory said when asked about his sources for the book.

U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne upheld a defense objection to the line of questioning, saying the newsman's sources were not at issue in the case.

Loory was testifying on behalf of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo Jr. who are charged with espionage, theft and conspiracy in taking the documents on the evolution of American involvement in the war from the Rand Corp.

Loory's testimony has primarily consisted of his reading long passages from his book published in 1968, and comparing them with similar information in the Pentagon Papers, leaked to the press a year later.

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