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There has been so much misrepresentation in the press about my connection with Taub and Frank affair that I am glad to advise you about it, in response to your wire of today.

As correspondent Associated Press and representing several metropolitan dailies I went to scene of deportation of New York writers. I did not take part in activities as charged and was at least one hundred feet from scene of altercation. There were no writers in car of friends who picked me up as ~~cavalcade~~ ^{motorcade} left Pineville hotel. I went only as press correspondent.

I interviewed at least ten witnesses at scene of altercation and without exception all said Taub and Frank engaged in fight. Every word spoken there indicated men fought one another. I made careful investigation to determine whether anyone hit men and was unable to find single witness so stating. I knew of no arrangement to take men out of town and did not know they were to be taken until cars arrived at hotel. Had heard talk of such move but was told no ~~plan~~ such plan to be carried out. If men were hit by any member of escort not one word indicating it has been heard by me.

I called Louisville office of Associated Press and related just what occurred and repeated what witnesses told me, telling them I did not see the difficulty. A New York newspaper, or United Press, I don't know which, called me and I repeated same story to them, saying that I did not see the trouble and was there only as reporter. Any statement that I saw fight or was participant in plan utterly false though from the hell the reds have raised here in the past six months I don't blame the people from taking them to the state line.

Confidential: Suit not ready for release in Time ~~affair~~ libel action.

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