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CK: … the press because of prejudice of … I had to plead guilty to something, you know, accept going to prison and pleading guilty when I … It was the first time in legal history anyone had been sent to prison for not saying who or what was at a scene of crime when a scene of crime took place. But, purely because of prejudice, because of what the press had done, I had to agree to admit to certain things and go to prison because the whole case was the public image. And the same thing with …

LM (interrupting): Did the lawyers advise, did the lawyers tell you to plead guilty? Did the lawyers say to you it's all because of the press you must plead guilty?

CK: Yes

LM: Did they?

CK: Because I came to a deal, I suppose like many people do, that I would go to prison for six months if I admitted to two charges and the other two would be dropped. And the other two were …, it was a wrongful arrest … I drop …, I was willing to have those cases dropped because the man could have sued me for my money on top. So I went to prison purely because of public opinion …

LM (interrupting): … thousands of people did. The chairman will say it's known as plea bargaining. Nothing to do with the press.

CK: It was the first time in legal history, apparently it happens every day of the week now, but in those days … It was the first … I had never been in a policeman's book. It was the first time in legal history anyone was sent to prison for not saying who or what was at a scene of crime when a scene of crime took place. So the man that actually attacked me went free and I, the victim, went to prison because of public opinion.

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