Q. How come The Washington Post was the first newspaper to break the story of Chief of Staff Gen. George S. Brown's anti-Semitic statement at Duke University? Who got the scoop?—Fred Hand, Los Angeles, Calif.

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A. The Washington Post was not the first newspaper to break the Brown story. Brown's statements, "Jews own, you know, the banks in this country, the newspapers. You just look at where the Jewish money is in this country," were first published in a weekly newspaper, The Anvil, in Durham, N.C. They were read there by Robert Kaiser, former Moscow correspondent for The Washington Post, now on leave of absence at Duke University. It was Kaiser who notified Michael Getler, The Post reporter who wrote the story. The original article in The Anvil was written by a free-lancer, Tom Clark, who heard the informal question-and-answer session between Brown and graduate students on international law at Duke.