

# A. R. REFLECTS RUSSIAN LETTER

## Auto Firms Offer New Contracts

### Attempts Made To Avert Strikes

DETROIT, Sept. 20 (AP)—General Motors and Chrysler offered the United Auto Workers financially sweetened three-year contracts today in an effort to head off strikes.

The General Motors offer closely paralleled that on which the UAW and Ford settled Wednesday.

GM faces a strike at 11 a. m. Sept. 30, unless it settles by then. Chrysler has a union strike warning without a specified date.

John D. Leary, Chrysler vice president and chief bargainer, declined to discuss details, but added he understood his bid for labor peace was similar to Ford's.

Leonard Woodcock, UAW vice president and head of its GM department, described today's action as GM's "first serious proposal for a new contract in almost six months of bargaining."

Like Ford's GM's offer was estimated at from 24 to 30 cents an hour for GM's 250,000 UAW-affiliated workers. GM has 75,000 workers who belong to the International Union of Electrical Workers or other unions.

GM spokesmen said the firm's average hourly wage now is \$2.42. The proposal would add 1 1/2 cents to that immediately—seven cents in an annual improvement factor, a three-cent cost-of-living allowance and a cent and a half for skilled workers.

GM President John F. Gordon told the UAW:

"We are mindful of strong indications that the country is coming out of the recession. A prompt settlement of the issues involved on the basis proposed by GM to the UAW cannot fail to make a vitally important contribution to economic recovery at this critical time. On the other hand, it is obvious that a major automobile strike now would make an opposite effect."

Without Contract

GM proposed the new contract be effective as of Sept. 1, if workers approve it by Oct. 1. GM workers have been without a contract since their pact ran out Memorial Day weekend, as did those at Ford and Chrysler.

Basic features of the GM proposal:

- 1.—Continuation of the annual improvement factor pay plan under which GM workers would get about seven-cent an hour increase in each of the three years. The first payment of seven cents would be retroactive to July 1.
- 2.—Continuation of cost of living allowances of three cents an hour to compensate for rising living costs. In the previous three-year contract, GM workers got 16 cents under this clause.
- 3.—An 8-cent an hour pay boost for 40,000 skilled workers.
- 4.—Improvements in the Supplemental Unemployment Plan (SUB) under which the company puts five cents per hour into a special fund and pays benefits to supplement unemployment benefit payments made by the states.
- 5.—A severance pay plan to take care of workers who lose their jobs because of plant transfers or shut downs. The maximum severance pay would be 20 weeks pay for those with 30 years service.

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## DOUBLE DATERS HELD IN TERROR WITH KNIFE

# Teen-Agers Describe Nightmare Ride

BY JULIAN MORRISON  
Greensboro Daily News Staff Writer

A living nightmare—a four-hour ride through the night at the point of a knife—was related here yesterday by four Greensboro teen-agers.

It began as a Friday night double date for four high school students.



SARAH MURPHY



BECKY ROUNTREE

## Tar Heel Notebook

BY BURKE DAVIS

UNLESS ALL THE SIGNS ARE wrong, a strong groundswell to put young Mel Broughton in the U.S. Senate is beginning to form. The popular highway chairman makes no more candidate-like noises than ever he had, but his admirers are legion, and many dwell in high places.

Broughton's potential candidate has a lean and appealing look from many angles, and he is smiling and looking a voter in the eye with all the charm of his late father. A well-read prospect, indeed.

ANOTHER YOUNG candidate of promise is Sen. Joe Eagles of Wilson, already a veteran and respected legislator. His leadership in financial matters in the

## Michael Macejka, Escapee, Captured

Before it was over a hardened criminal, an accused bank robber who had just slashed his way out of the county jail, had taken them, quite literally, for the time of their lives.

John Moore and Sarah Murphy together with Pete Banner and Becky Rountree had gone to the Carolina Theatre

for the early movie Friday night.

It was only the second date for each couple. All of them are high school students. Boys are 17, both girls 15.

Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meredith Moore of 612 Cornwallis Drive; Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Murphy Jr. of 2309 Princess Ann St.; Pete is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ray Banner Jr. of 1201 Cornwallis Drive; and Becky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rountree of 315 Woodlawn Ave.

After the show they walked across the street to Moore's father's car, parked in a lot there.

As they reached the car a man ran towards them from a clump of bushes. They could see his right hand was bloody.

The girls got into the car and locked the doors. Pete Banner wanted to help the man who told them he had been cut by a Negro who was chasing him. He asked them to take him to a hospital.

They got him into the car, in the left rear seat. Pete sat beside him with Becky Rountree on his right. John and Sarah Murphy were in the front.

As they drove out of the lot, John suggested taking the man to the police.

Then the knife appeared. "I mean business with this knife," he said. He pushed it against the back of John's neck.

They drove down South Elm Street at his direction. They still didn't know who it was.

Pete Banner was getting mad by this time, and he said

thought of the escaped prisoner. Mrs. Rountree called the police, reported the four children over-

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But Mrs. Moore didn't have the license number and her husband had just left by train for New York.

She searched frantically until, finally, she found a copy of the license number, and telephoned it to the police.

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four which was pulling a long passenger train on the run from Charlotte to Washington.

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what could have qualified as famous last words:

"Listen, buddy, you've got to get out of this car."

That was Michael Macejka, the 43-year-old New Jersey convict who had spent almost half his life in jail, told them "I'm the bank robber."

It didn't sink in right away with Pete.

"I just couldn't imagine being in the car with a bank robber. But after a while I got worried. I was worried sick."

"He told us he'd just escaped from the jail and that he'd sliced up a guy there. He said, 'I'll slice you up too. It doesn't make any difference to me.'"

"I'd hate to mess up those cute faces of those girls of yours," he said to Banner.

John Moore was scared too. When he gets scared or nervous, he says, he starts talking. Talking about anything. And he began talking on South Elm Street and hardly stopped for four hours.

Becky Rountree was "numb" all this time. She wasn't especially frightened then. She didn't realize what it all meant.

Big Becky and Sarah Murphy and John Moore began talking. They asked the "bank robber" how he had started "in this business." He told them.

He told them that he began robbing grocery stores during the depression.

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a question—trying to keep up the running conversation—he prefaced it with "are you sure it wasn't make you mad if I ask you . . ."

"My foot was shaking so hard everytime he put that knife on me I couldn't hardly keep it on the gas pedal."

Macejka—they identified him



DETECTIVE GEORGE SEAY AND JOHN MOORE



PETE BANNER

## HOLDS WAITING POLICY

# Administration Sees Integration Victory

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—The administration has settled down to a waiting policy in the Southern school crisis, confident that the resisting area sooner or later must choose between making a start on integrating Negroes or doing without tax-supported schools entirely.

This view is firmly held. Official Washington believes the federal government, backed by an unanimous Supreme Court, occupies an impregnable legal position.

On the other hand, the highest legal authorities here feel that those who continue to seek means for circumventing the court's orders are treading on new and untested ground which could give way under them at any time, and which will give way eventually.

No Quick Move

That is why the government, as has now become apparent, has no immediate move in either Arkansas or Virginia where Govs. Orval Faubus and Lindsay Almond have closed schools which were under direct federal court orders to make a

start on taking in some Negro children.

"We would like to see the public schools open and operating everywhere, but we are under no illusions," a State Department spokesman said today.

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## Note Called Abusive, False

### Formosa Forces To Be Maintained

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 20 (AP)—The United States, a new Soviet Russia's latest letter to Premier Nikita Khrushchev's face today, calling it too false, abusive and threatening to be acceptable under international standards.

The summer White House, announcing this on behalf of President Eisenhower, said it believed such a rejection of a note has no precedent in the history of U.S.-Soviet relations.

Eisenhower's action meant this country will ignore Khrushchev's demand that this country pull its forces out of Formosa and the surrounding area—and the accompanying threat that if they are not withdrawn the Chinese Communists, with Russian support, will drive them out.

Makes It Plain

The U.S. government has made it plain, however, it will continue to defend Formosa, an offshore territory essential to its defense, by military action if necessary.

White House Press Secretary James Hagerity, in announcing rejection of Khrushchev's 13-page note, said it will be returned to the Kremlin by the U.S. charge d'affaires in Moscow, Richard A. Davis, tomorrow.

The first of two statements issued by the White House said with reference to the Soviet note:

"This communication is replete with false accusations; it is couched in language that is abusive and intemperate; it includes in personalities; it contains inadmissible threats. All of this renders the communication unacceptable under established international practice."

"Accordingly, it has been rejected and the United States charge d'affaires in Moscow has been instructed to return the communication to the Soviet government."

Khrushchev's letter accused the United States of attempting "atomic blackmail" in the Far East. It also warned that an attack on Red China or any of its offshore islands would mean war.

The White House in a second statement on the Soviet note called the Russian view "grotesque and dangerous."

"It is tragic," the White House said, "that Soviet military despotism should support the use of force to achieve expansionist ends."

This country, the statement continued, stands ready to use the peaceful means specified by the U.N. Charter to settle the Far Eastern crisis in an ambassador-level talks with the Red Chinese at Warsaw.

Not Easy

"But it is not easy to negotiate under such threats as the Soviet Union now makes," the White House said. "We deeply deplore the use of such threats."

"The United States considers the Soviet viewpoint to be grotesque and dangerous. Indeed only in an 'upside down' world could it be regarded that is 'aggression' when the United States cooperates with a friendly government purely for defense, but that it is 'peace' for the Soviet Union to pledge its support to the Chinese Communist regime in its effort to acquire

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## Today's Chuckle

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Prospective employee: "I was paroled."

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