

# MILWAUKEE MAN HELD AS SUSPECT

Seized on Weapons Charge  
Last October in Wisconsin  
—Many Paradoxes Seen

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WASHINGTON, May 15—The young white man arrested as a suspect today in the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace is a 21-year-old resident of Milwaukee who pasted Wallace bumper stickers on his car and his apartment door and was exuberantly cheering the Democratic Presidential candidate only moments before the shots rang out.

Those apparent contradictions are but a small part of the paradoxical picture now being sketched of Arthur Herman Bremer, the man accused by Federal authorities today of having tried to kill the Alabama Governor at a shopping center in Laurel, Md.

It was reported that he was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon last Oct. 18 and was subsequently convicted of disorderly conduct.

A Justice Department spokesman said that the .38-caliber snub-nosed revolver allegedly used at Laurel had been purchased in Milwaukee Jan. 13 and fired five times today.

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by neighbors, associates, policemen and witnesses to the shooting, he emerges as a quiet, withdrawn person who had difficulty getting along with his father, S. F. Bremer, a Milwaukee truck driver.

An examination of his three-room apartment on the Near West Side of that city indicated that his interests in politics were eclectic, ranging from Governor Wallace to birth control to the Black Panthers.

That examination also turned up a gun catalogue, a box of

cartridges and a pornographic comic book as well as a variety of his own writings, and a Confederate battle flag on the beige-carpeted floor.

The accused assailant moved into the \$137-a-month apartment last November. He is reported to be a student at a Milwaukee area technical college and until last February he worked as a dishwasher and bus boy at the Milwaukee Athletic Club.

William Heely, the maitre d'hotel at the club, said today that Mr. Bremer first worked part-time, then full-time and then part-time again but simply did not show up for work one day and had not returned or called to explain.

### 'Reliable and Honest'

"He was always very reliable and honest," Mr. Heely said. As far as he could remember, he added, Mr. Bremer never talked politics. He was timid and had to be drawn out on a subject before he would give his views and opinions, Mr. Heely added.

Stephen Wasche, a 17-year-old high school student whose brother is the manager of the apartment where Mr. Bremer lived, said he tried to engage in conversation with him but was unsuccessful.

The suspect shaved his head completely bald about four months ago, the youth added. "He did it for effect, I think," he said.

On one occasion, according to Mr. Wasche, the suspect wrote an obscenity on the back of a questionnaire mailed to him by Representative Henry S. Reuss, the Milwaukee Democrat. Mr. Wasche believes Mr. Bremer wanted to draw attention to himself and to reach out to others but was unable to do so.

Mr. Bremer's father conducted an impromptu news conference in the kitchen of his home late today. His oldest son, Theodore, 34, was also present. The Bremers have two other sons, Roger, 18, and William, 32.

Dressed in a gray work-shirt and overalls and standing amid a clutter of the dinner dishes, Mr. Bremer shook his head sadly and said he couldn't believe it was his son who shot Governor Wallace.

"We had no idea he was even in Maryland," he said. "He had never mentioned Wallace. The last election he was just like me—for Humphrey."

Mr. Bremer said his son wanted to have his own apartment and moved out of the family home last October. The father said he had not seen him since, but had made one at-

tempt on a day when he was not at home.

Mr. Wasche, the high school student, said a woman he assumed to be the suspect's mother came to the apartment not long ago.

"She asked if he was home and I said yes. But when she went up and knocked on the door he didn't answer," he said. "It was weird, really weird, just like when I tried to talk to him. He always just sort of walked away."

According to Jerry Babcock, who lives in the suspect's old neighborhood near his parents, the younger Mr. Bremer's departure from the family residence came after an altercation with his father.

The suspect's father is a truck driver for the Korhn Cartage Company in Milwaukee. His mother, Mrs. Sylvia Bremer, who is 57, was not present at the news conference. Her husband, 58, said she was "taking it very hard."

"If he is accused of this, he must have become pretty sick. I can't believe it happened," the father said.

At South Division High School, where he graduated, he went out for football, his father said, but was removed

from the team after his mother wrote a letter saying he was ill.

The father said his son was not active in politics but did belong to the war unit of the Democratic party in Milwaukee. His son was "more concerned with studying," he said, and wanted to become a commercial photographer.

After his graduation from high school, he took a course in photography at the technical school and then took on a series of odd jobs, including one as a panitor for the Milwaukee Athletic Club.

The father said his son never owned a gun as long as he lived at the family home.

William W. Gullett, the chief executive of Prince Georges County, Md., where Governor Wallace was shot, said the suspect was arrested on Oct. 18, in Milwaukee and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He was later convicted on a lesser charge, disorderly conduct, Mr. Gullett said.

Mr. Bremer's father said his son did not talk about girls.

The elder Mr. Bremer, who has worked for the same trucking company for the last three decades, spoke in the past tense of his son during the conference.

At the apartment late today,

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agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later reporters and other residents of the building found an unkempt living room and bedroom cluttered with papers and books.

A Confederate battle flag was on the floor, along with a copy of a Black Panther newspaper and several newspaper clippings, including one from a 1968 copy of The Milwaukee Journal that said, "Meet Nixon at the Sheraton-Schroeder."

There were also many notebooks in the apartment. It seemed apparent that the suspect wrote a great deal. In one spiral notebook were the scrawled words: "In America, here one lived a pig named Arthur Herman. Arthur Herman

lived in some ..." The writing became an unintelligible scrawl at that juncture.

The agents also found a copy of a pornographic book called "Sex Comics" on the floor.

According to United Press International, a notebook found in the apartment contained such passages as:

"Happiness is hearing George Wallace singing the National Anthem or having him arrested for a hit-and-run traffic accident."

"My country, tiz of thee, sweet land of bigotry."

"Just call me canoe, my mother liked to paddle me a lot."

"Nixon uses a night light."



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**AFTER ARRAIGNMENT: Arthur Herman Bremer, left, and federal agent in car at U.S. court in Baltimore.**