

DOCTOR PREDICTS A GOOD RECOVERY

Says Wallace Shows Some
Paralysis After Operation

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SILVER SPRING, Md., Tuesday, May 16—One of Gov. George C. Wallace's physicians said today that the Governor was expected to make a good recovery after an operation that was completed late last night.

Dr. Joseph Schanno said that Mr. Wallace showed some paralysis of the legs but it could not yet be determined whether this would be temporary or permanent. He said it would take at least 48 hours to find that out.

Further surgery is considered possible but by no means certain at this point. One bullet is still lodged in the center of the Governor's back at the spine below the lowest rib. Another was removed from his left side during the operation.

Dr. Schanno could not say whether the spinal cord had been severed. The Governor cannot move his legs and it is still not known whether the partial paralysis is temporary or permanent. In any case, it is possible that the bullet damage may leave some permanent injury.

Was Able to Talk

The Governor was conscious and able to talk at all times from the time of the shooting until he entered the operating room. There is no evidence that he suffered any brain damage.

At a 2 A.M. briefing Dr. Schanno said Mr. Wallace was awake, alert, resting comfortably and making progress "as well as we can expect."

Dr. Shanno said that when he was brought to the hospital, Mr. Wallace appeared to have "four to five" bullet wounds.

There was hemorrhaging in either the chest or the abdomen. During the exploratory operation the main problem proved

to be a penetration of the intestine and ligaments of the intestine. These areas were repaired and the hemorrhage was controlled, Dr. Schanno said.

Mr. Wallace's thorax, or chest, also was perforated. Although there appeared to be at least four wounds, only two bullets seemed to have been located.

The wounds include one in the right forearm and one in the upper right arm. These bullets may have been those that entered the body. Both shoulder blades were grazed.

While Dr. Schanno was briefing the press in a building a quarter of a mile from Holy Cross Hospital Mr. Wallace remained in the recovery room of the hospital.

The doctor did not make it

clear now long the Governor would be in the hospital, but he said that recovery from the operation could take from four or five to 10 days.

Mr. Wallace's ability to campaign later was left as an open question.

Dr. Schanno was asked whether the Governor's injuries might lead to an invalidism much like that of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's. He replied that if worst came to worst the Governor could have the same degree of disability as President Roosevelt, who was confined to a wheel chair in his later years.

However, Dr. Schanno said that barring complications "we expect he will make a good recovery."