

# Bremer, in a Heavily Guarded Courtroom, Pleads

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BALTIMORE, May 24 — With a nervous smile flickering across his face, Arthur Herman Bremer stood before a Federal judge here today and pleaded not guilty to charges arising from the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

His arraignment in a heavily guarded, wood-paneled Federal courtroom took only 17 minutes.

The judge denied a defense appeal for a reduction in Mr. Bremer's \$200,000 bail and then gave his attorney 30 days to file pre-trial motions. A trial date will be set after a preliminary hearing on these motions.

The blond, 21-year-old suspect was composed throughout the session. He yawned occasionally during the legal arguments over the size of his bail and laughed quietly to himself when the prosecutor described him as "an itinerant and transient who has been living in his car."

Mr. Bremer was dressed for his first court appearance in a modish gray knit sports jacket with wide lapels, a high-collared black shirt worn open at the throat, khaki pants and suede shoes.

His plea was spoken for him by his court-appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz of Baltimore.

## Understands Charges

Standing before Chief Judge Edward S. Northrop, the suspect was asked by Earl Graham, the court clerk, "Are you Arthur Herman Bremer?"

"Yes," Mr. Bremer replied in a firm, steady voice.

"Have you read a copy of the charges placed against you?"

"Yes, I have," Mr. Bremer said.

"Do you understand them?"

"Yes, I do," he said.

Judge Northrop then asked him about his schooling, to which the defendant answered: "I have some college."

"How much?" the judge asked. "One year, two years?"

Mr. Bremer paused at this and then raised his voice slightly: "One year, plus," he said.

The arraignment was preceded by a brief bail reduction hearing in which Mr. Lipsitz argued that by setting the figure at \$200,000, the Government was effectively denying his client his constitutional right to bail.

"Obviously that is more than

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he can hope to raise," Mr. Lipsitz argued. "I submit that this case should be treated like any other assault by shooting. It should be no different just because the victim happens to be a politician from Alabama."

The Government, Mr. Lipsitz contended, "is saying, in effect, that it doesn't want this man on the streets." He urged that the bail be reduced to \$5,000, \$10,000 or even \$50,000.

This brought a sharp objection from the prosecutor, United States Attorney George Beall. "This is not just another shooting case," he said, arguing that Mr. Lipsitz's description of the act had been "contrived and inaccurate."

"This involves an attempt on a candidate for the Presidency of the United States," he said.

### Earlier Denial Upheld

Judge Northrop then sustained an earlier denial of the defense motion handed down by United States Commissioner Clarence E. Goetz. Mr. Goetz had ruled that the \$200,000 bail was appropriate "in light of the nature and circumstances of the crime and the fact that he has no ties to the community

and few to his family in Milwaukee."

On the Federal level, Mr. Bremer is charged with violating the civil rights of a Presidential candidate, assaulting a Federal officer and violating two gun provisions. He also faces 24 other charges, including attempted murder, lodged by the state of Maryland. Arraignment on the state charges is expected in about a week.

The suspect was seized and arrested on May 15, moments after Governor Wallace was shot by four .38-caliber bullets during a rally at a shopping center in Laurel, Md.

Throughout his hearing today, Mr. Bremer was closely guarded by four Federal marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To avoid the morning rush hour crowds, the suspect was

taken from the Baltimore county jail in suburban Towson, Md., shortly after 5 A.M. and driven the 10 miles to the Federal Courthouse here in a police van.

Agents were posted at all entrances to the courthouse in downtown Baltimore by 9 A.M., and reporters who entered the courtroom were screened by electronic metal detectors.

When the brief hearing was concluded, Mr. Bremer stood up briskly, shook hands with Miss Eleanor J. Lipsitz, his attorney's blonde daughter and law partner, and strode towards the door.

At one point he got slightly ahead of his guard and was restrained by a hand on his arm. The suspect smiled broadly when he spotted the crowd of reporters in the courtroom.

The agents then ushered him

to a waiting elevator and out the rear garage entrance to the courthouse where a police van and motorcycle escort were waiting to whisk him back to jail.

Mr. Bremer's behavior in his cell has been alternately subdued and angry, according to reliable prison sources. He has been silent at times, refusing to respond to questions; and has struck out angrily at others, occasionally spitting on the clothes of his guards.

Sources close to the investigation said today that either the defense or the prosecution would probably seek a psychiatric examination of the defendant in the next few weeks.

Mr. Beall disclosed today that he had subpoenaed the film of the Wallace shooting taken by cameramen of the three major networks and two

Washington television stations. He indicated that some of the film would be shown as prosecution evidence at Mr. Bremer's trial.

#### Bremer Linked to Nixon

TORONTO, May 24 (AP)—The Star said today that President Nixon was followed during his visit to Ottawa last month by Arthur H. Bremer, the man accused of shooting Gov. George C. Wallace.

The newspaper quoted senior Ottawa officials as confirming that Mr. Bremer was in Ottawa during Mr. Nixon's visit from April 13 to April 15.

It could not be learned how Mr. Bremer entered Canada or whether he was armed, The Star said, but an analysis of newspaper photographs carried out by the United States Secret Service showed him close to

the Nixon calvalcade on at least one occasion, according to the paper.

Mr. Bremer stayed at the downtown Lord Elgin Hotel, the Ottawa dispatch said.

"There is no doubt he was here doing a little stalking," an official was quoted as saying. "In retrospect, it makes the somewhat oppressive security measures seem worthwhile."

Mr. Bremer's supposed presence in Canada was discovered when the Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation reviewed photographs from the President's Ottawa visit, The Star said.

#### Ottawa Silent

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OTTAWA, May 24—The offices of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police re-

fused to comment on the report.

#### No Comment in Capital

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WASHINGTON, May 24—Official Washington was silent to-

night on the report of Mr. Bremer's presence in Ottawa during the Nixon visit. The White House, the Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation all declined comment.