

Not Guilty, Bremer Says At Hearing

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BALTIMORE, May 24 — A smiling and modishly dressed Arthur H. Bremer today made his first courtroom appearance here since May 15, the day he is accused of having shot and wounded Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace in Laurel, Md.

Appearing relaxed and jaunty, the 21-year-old former Milwaukee busboy listened intently as his court-appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz, entered pleas of not guilty on four federal charges stemming from the shooting before U.S. District Judge Edward S. Northrop.

Bremer, who was closely watched by several FBI agents and U.S. marshals in the heavily guarded courtroom, spoke softly and quickly in answer to several of the judge's questions.

"Yes, I have," he said when asked if he had a copy of the federal indictment against him. The copy was clutched in his right hand. It charges Bremer with violating the civil rights of a presidential candidate, assaulting a federal officer, illegally using a weapon and illegally transporting a handgun in interstate commerce.

Bremer also said he had read the indictment and understood the charges against him.

"How far did you go in school?" asked the judge.

"I attended some college," said Bremer, adding that he had attended "one year — plus."

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Then Bremer returned to the counsel table and listened while his attorney battled with George Beall, the U.S. attorney for Maryland, over whether Bremer's \$200,000 bail should be reduced. Northrop denied a reduction.

Today's hearing took place amidst some of the tightest security precautions in the memory of observers here.

About 75 reporters and other spectators who attended the arraignment were individually searched by agents using hand-held magnetometers—devices for detecting metal under clothing—before they were allowed inside the courtroom.

Bremer was whisked before dawn today to the downtown courthouse from the Baltimore County jail in suburban Towson where he is being kept in an isolation cell.

He was returned to the jail immediately after the 15-minute arraignment and an earlier related hearing before a U.S. magistrate, according to James J. Dunn, deputy FBI agent in charge of the Baltimore office.

Dunn said Bremer is causing no problems at the jail.

Wallace, who was shot four times May 15, lies in Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, with a bullet lodged in his spine and his legs paralyzed.

"This case is not just another shooting case," Beall argued

in asking for the \$200,000 bond to remain intact. "It involves the shooting of a candidate for president of the United States and also . . . the shooting of a Secret Service agent, which we view in itself as a crime of serious magnitude."

Agent Nicholas Zarvos was also wounded in the May 15 shooting.

Bremer, sitting with his hands folded on the counsel table, listened carefully and watched Beall intently during some of the argument.

At other times, he looked straight ahead. He smiled from time to time.

The 5-foot-7 Bremer, who has short-cropped sandy hair, wore what the FBI said were his own clothes—a jet-black shirt with a wide collar, gold trousers and a white and gray double-knit sportcoat.

Beall argued that Bremer was an "itinerant . . . living in his car" and that he had no family ties in his Milwaukee home town or in the Washington area that would guarantee his appearance at subsequent court hearings if bail is reduced to the point where Bremer is able to pay it.

During part of this argument, Beall said that Bremer's wanderings had led him "even into Canada" — an apparent reference to Bremer's reported presence in a crowd in Ottawa when President Nixon made one of his public appearances during his state visit there from April 13 to 15.

Beall also said there is "no evidence of any friends or any associates who could help him (Bremer) if he were released."

A source in Beall's office later said this remark was a pointed reference to the fact that federal authorities do not believe there was a conspiracy involved in the Wallace shooting.

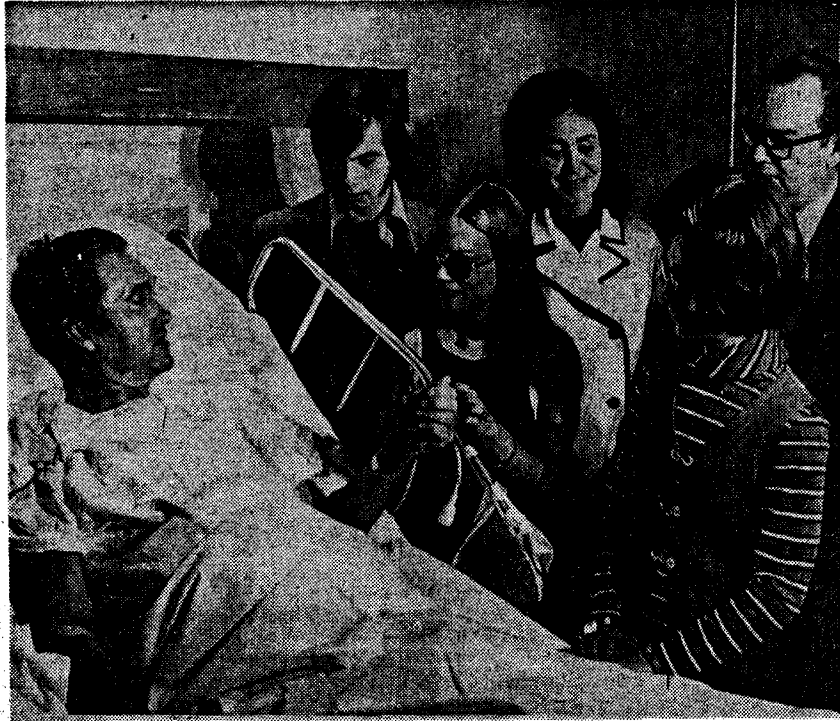
Bremer's attorney argued that the bond was set so high as to "amount to a denial of bail."

With his law partner and daughter, Eleanor, seated behind him, Lipsitz argued heatedly, "My client doesn't have money . . . The only reason my client is here instead of on the street is simply that he's poor."

After the hearing, Bremer grinned broadly and shook hands with Eleanor Lipsitz before he was hustled from the courtroom by a dozen husky federal agents.

The judge gave Lipsitz 30 days to file motions in the case. After that, a hearing on the motions will be held and a date for trial set. There was still no word today on when Bremer will be arraigned on state charges in Prince George's County that include four counts of attempted murder.

A key point in Beall's argument today was that his case is so strong against Bremer—because of eyewitnesses and television footage of the actual shooting—that Bremer



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Propped up in hospital bed, Gov. Wallace chats with his family. In front are daughters Peggy Sue, Bobbie Jo Parsons. Behind them, from left, are son, George Jr., wife Cornelia, brother, Judge Jack Wallace. Governor later spoke with newsmen.

has reason to flee if released on a low bond.

In speaking to newsmen, Beall revealed that his office had issued subpoenas to all three national television networks and to two local stations for film footage of the shooting and related events. Several television film crews were taking films of Wallace handshaking with the crowd when he was shot.

Beall said that all the networks and stations were "completely cooperative" in turning over to his office both film and outtakes — the term for

men but never actually used on the air.

However, a check with the major networks and stations revealed that at least two of them — the Columbia Broadcasting System and Station WTOP in Washington — refused to give outtakes to the federal authorities.

The debate over outtakes involves a major and as yet unsettled constitutional question: Will the freedom of the press guaranteed in the Constitution be violated if federal authorities can require news networks to let them view film

that was not actually used on the air?

The issue came to national attention a year ago when Congress considered citing CBS and its president, Frank Stanton, for contempt of Congress for refusing to make available the unused film in the controversial documentary, "The Selling of the Pentagon."

Gordon Manning, CBS vice president for news, said today that no outtakes were given to Beall's office but that "everything about the shooting (was) on the air" and the FBI was given copies of that footage.

Gov. Wallace Tells Press, 'I'm... Fine'

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Cheered by his showing in the Oregon primary, Alabama Gov. George Wallace visited yesterday with a group of reporters for the first time since he was wounded and told them, "They say I'm doing fine."

Three network correspondents, a reporter for the Birmingham News, a cameraman and a light technician spent about 10 minutes in the governor's yellow-walled room in Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring while silent television film was taken of Wallace in his bed.

The reporters had all traveled extensively with Wallace and simply chatted with the 52-year-old Alabamian during their stay and did not question him.

At one point, Wallace told them he was "sorry it (his campaign) had to end this way. There won't be any more speeches for you fellows," he joked.

"That's all right, George," said Wallace's wife, Cornelia, 32. "They're all the same anyway. Everybody knows the punch line."

Before the newsmen came, Wallace had been awakened at 8 a.m. in his seventh floor intensive care room and told that he had finished second to Sen. George McGovern in the Oregon voting Tuesday.

"Oh, that's great," Wallace aide Elvin Stanton quoted him as saying. "That's real fine. We didn't even get to go there."

Wallace, target of a

would-be assassin in Laurel on May 15, still is paralyzed from the waist down because of a bullet lodged in his spine. But the latest medical bulletin said he had showed "marked improvement" over the past 24 hours, although the paralysis persisted.

Steve Bell, an ABC correspondent in the group that saw Wallace, briefed other reporters after the visit, reporting that the governor was weak and talked in a low voice.

Bell said he told him, "Governor, you look good." He said Wallace replied: "You think so, Steve? They say I'm doing fine."

In addition to his wife, Wallace's son, George Jr., his two oldest daughters, Bobbie Jo Parsons and Peggy Sue Wallace, and his brother, Jack, were in the room at the time of the filming.

Describing the hospital routine, Wallace said, "They make you work harder in the hospital than they do on the campaign." And he had high praise for the doctors and staff. "If anything's ever going to happen to you, make sure it's near Holy Cross Hospital," Wallace said.

Wallace must undergo a second operation to remove the bullet from his spine. Asked if it would be performed in Alabama, Wallace said, "You always want to be home, but I want to be here the proper length of time."