

# Bremer Pleads Insanity

## Hearing Held In Wallace Shooting Case

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Arthur H. Bremer entered an insanity plea in Prince George's Circuit Court yesterday, saying he was insane at the time he is charged with having gunned down Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three others in a Maryland shopping center May 15.

Circuit Judge Ralph Powers ordered an immediate psychiatric examination of Bremer, 21, a former Milwaukee busboy and janitor, in the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital in Jessup, Md.

There psychiatrists will determine and report to the Court if Bremer was insane at the time of the shootings and if he is now mentally competent to stand trial, according to the order.

Two other psychiatrists in

Baltimore are also examining Bremer under a federal court order there. They have not yet filed their reports.

Dr. John Hamilton, superintendent at the state hospital, said it would take between four to seven days to examine Bremer.

Judge Powers also turned down a request yesterday by Bremer's attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz, to delay the trial past the scheduled date of July 12.

Lipsitz argued that publicity on the Wallace shooting and Bremer has been so extensive in Prince George's that a jury will not be able to give Bremer a fair trial.

Powers ruled that the publicity will not prevent a fair trial and that the jury will be carefully instructed.

Bremer faces a possible total sentence of 123 years if convicted on the state charges of assault with intent to murder and other counts.

Were a state jury to find him innocent by reason of insanity, Bremer would be sent to a Maryland mental institution where he could be kept for his entire life or released when psychiatrists found him sane.

It appeared yesterday that the state will try Bremer before the federal government does. A federal trial in Baltimore on charges of interfering with Wallace's civil rights, assaulting a federal officer and illegally using and carrying a gun in interstate commerce is set for July 17, or

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about a week after the state trial.

Bremer has pleaded innocent to the federal charges. Insanity may be used as a defense by not a plea in federal proceedings.

Lipsitz had maintained that state and federal authorities were in a "race" to try Bremer first, presumably to get publicity for themselves, and that the race violated Bremer's constitutional right to due process of law.

To try to prove this, Lipsitz had summoned U.S. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst, U.S. Attorney for Maryland George Beall and Maryland's top FBI agent, Thomas Farrow, to testify on his motion as to how both state and federal authorities proceed to trial simultaneously.

The three federal officials did not appear, but they sent assistants yesterday to argue that "executive privilege" kept them from having to testify and also that they could not come up with the statistics that Lipsitz wanted.

The judge agreed that the federal officials would not have to testify.

Meanwhile, Prince George's County Sheriff Don Edward Ansell said yesterday he visited security officials in California who had handled the trials of Angela Davis and Charles Manson in order to get ideas for handling the Bremer trial in the county courthouse in Upper Marlboro.

"I'll tell you one thing," he said, "There is going to be some mighty, mighty tight security."