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WITH SUSPECT

MILWAUKEE, WIS. (UPI)--ARTHUR H. BREMER, WHO IS CHARGED WITH SHOOTING ALABAMA GOV. GEORGE C. WALLACE, WAS DESCRIBED WEDNESDAY AS "INSECURE AND ADAMANT" AND "A NERVOUS, JERKY FELLOW" BY TWO WOMEN WHO REMEMBER A STRANGE CAR RIDE WITH HIM.

MRS. SHARON SAMPON, 30, AND A 26-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID THEY AND THREE OTHER PERSONS GOT A FRIGHTENING RIDE FROM BREMER ON APRIL 19 WHILE THEY WERE HITCHHIKING. THEY TOLD THEIR STORY TO THE MILWAUKEE SENTINEL.

THE TWO WOMEN, WHO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE FBI, SAID THEY WERE PICKED UP BY BREMER ON AN EAST SIDE MILWAUKEE STREET IN A STUDENT AND HIP AREA. HE STOPPED A HALF-BLOCK LATER, THEY SAID, TO PICK UP ANOTHER YOUNG GIRL AND A YOUNG MAN AND LATER ANOTHER YOUNG GIRL.

"HE WAS SORT OF NERVOUS, JERKY FELLOW," MRS. SAMPON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING AND THE OTHER WOMAN SAID "IT WAS STRANGE, BUT HE SOUNDED INSECURE AND ADAMANT AT THE SAME TIME."

THE UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SAID BREMER SHOUTED "SHUT UP" ONCE, APPARENTLY WHEN SOMEONE BEEPED A CAR HORN AT HIM, AND MRS. SAMPON SAID HE HAD A PEACE SYMBOL WRITTEN IN INK ON HIS HAND.

THEY RECALLED THAT BREMER LOOKED AT SOME RECORDS THE MALE HITCHHIKER HAD AND SAID "EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT."

THEY SAID BREMER ASKED THEM "WHAT DO YOU THINK IS STOPPING US FROM REACHING THE AGE OF AQUARIUS?" AND THAT WHEN NOBODY ANSWERED ONE PERSON ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT.

THEY SAID BREMER REPLIED "FEAR AND DOUBT" AND THE YOUNG MAN THEN SAID "IT'S ALL THE GAMES THE B.S. PEOPLE PLAY." BREMER THEN TAPPED AN EARRING THE YOUTH WORE IN HIS EAR AND SAID, "THIS IS B.S.," THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED.

HE AND BREMER ARGUED ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE WORE AND BREMER THEN SAID "I THINK YOU BETTER GET OUT," THE WOMEN SAID.

WHEN HE LET THE ONE MAN OUT THE 26-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SAID "WE ALL JUST JUMPED OUT OF THE CAR BECAUSE IT WAS GETTING A LITTLE SCAREY FOR US."

THE TWO WOMEN SAID DURING THE RIDE BREMER STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A SERVICE STATION. HE SAID HE HAD TO GET THE CAR FIXED FOR A TRIP.

THE WOMEN SAID THE CAR WAS A LATE-MODEL RAMBLER. BREMER WAS DRIVING A RAMBLER IN LAUREL, MD., WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED IN THE SHOOTING OF WALLACE AND THREE OTHER PERSONS.

MRS. SAMPON SAID BY THAT TIME "I WAS SCARED ... AND WANTED TO GET OUT OF THE CAR" BUT KEPT RIDING WITH HIM.

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3 mystery lake trips by Bremer

MILWAUKEE — (AP) — A Milwaukee ferry manager says Arthur H. Bremer appeared with a swarthy, well-dressed companion to arrange the first of three mysterious trips Bremer made across Lake Michigan in the weeks preceding the wounding of Gov. George C. Wallace.

Bremer, 21, is charged with shooting Wallace on May 15. Mounting evidence indicates he followed the Alabama governor for more than two months.

Records of the Chesapeake & Ohio R.R. in Milwaukee show that Bremer took the C&O ferry from Milwaukee to Ludington, Mich., on April 9 and May 9. Records in Ludington show he made the 97-mile trip in the opposite direction on April 28.

THE C&O ferry-trainmaster, Earl S. Nunnery, told the Associated Press he recalls that Bremer and a man who appeared to be of Greek descent made arrangements for the ferry trips.

A third person was traveling with the men but did not enter the ferry office, Nunnery said.

This was the first report that Bremer had companions in the weeks preceding the shooting. Acquaintances have described him as a solitary, virtually friendless figure.

FBI agents questioned Nunnery and examined ferry records after the ferry man-

agers' interview with the AP. The FBI has repeatedly declined comment on its investigations.

BREMEN HAD been seen in Milwaukee at a Wallace celebration just 2 1/2 blocks from his apartment on April 4, the night of the Wisconsin primary. It was in the next day or two, according to Nunnery, that Bremer appeared at the ferry office on the Milwaukee docks with the unidentified man.

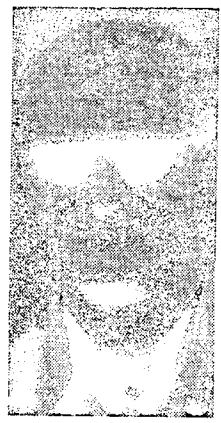
Nunnery said Bremers' companion talked excitedly about moving a political campaign from Wisconsin to Michigan, but never named a candidate.

Nunnery said he told Bremer and the other man that he could not make advance reservations at this time of year.

WITHIN ANOTHER day or two, Bremer registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City and was there April 7-8, according to hotel records.

Yet by the evening of April 9, Bremer was back in Milwaukee in time to catch the 8:15 p.m. ferry for the six-hour trip to Ludington. Ferry records list his name and the license number of his 1967 blue Rambler, now impounded in Maryland.

Records on the Ludington side of Lake Michigan list Bremer as returning to Milwaukee on the 8:07 p.m. ferry April 28. Between these two ferry



Arthur Bremer

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trips — on April 15 — Bremer was ticketed for speeding in Binghamton, N.Y.

THE BALTIMORE Sun reported that at 2:15 a.m. on April 15 Bremer checked into the Sheraton Motor Inn in New Carrollton, Md., a 15-minute drive from the Laurel shopping center where Wallace was shot.

The Sun said Bremer stayed three days and tried to check in again the weekend before the shooting but was told the motel was filled. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, another Democratic presidential candidate, attended a political breakfast in the motel that morning.

On May 9, Bremer took his third ferry trip, arriving in Ludington about noon.

HE WAS spotted at mid-afternoon the next day in Cadillac, Mich., 72 miles from Ludington, where Wallace was to speak at an evening rally.

He was seen at a Dairy Queen drive-in about 3 p.m. by an 18-year-old girl, reportedly was spotted at an inn between 4 and 6 p.m., and was seen by at least three persons and photographed at the Wallace rally where he sat in the third row.

After another apparently quick trip over hundreds of miles, Bremer turned up, according to photographs and an eyewitness, at a Wallace rally in Landover, Md., on May 11. Two days later, he was spotted and identified from photographs at another Wallace event in Kalamazoo, Mich., and on May 15, he was arrested at the Laurel shopping center where Wallace was shot.

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'Miracle' canceled

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — The Rev. W. L. Jenkins, a black minister who calls himself the third prophet of God, was shot in the leg early Sunday and canceled his announced plans to walk on water at the Ross Barnett Reservoir here. Mr. Jenkins had said Friday he would perform his miracle at precisely 4:03 p.m. Sunday.

The minister told police he was wounded by shots fired from a passing car during the early morning hours. Authorities confirmed that he was treated at a local hospital for a flesh wound.