

Calm Bremer Arraigned on State Charges

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Yawning once and appearing relaxed, Arthur H. Bremer made his third courtroom appearance as he stood yesterday before a Prince George's County judge who charged him with 24 crimes, including four counts of attempted murder, in the May 15 shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons.

The 21-year-old Milwaukee resident's appearance at the five-story Prince George's courthouse in rural Upper Marlboro was accompanied by massive security precautions.

Armed men jammed the hallways of the courthouse and stood atop nearby buildings as Bremer was whisked in a cavalcade by the FBI from the Baltimore County Jail in Towson before 8 a.m.—a 50-mile drive on superhighways through some of the most heavily pro-Wallace country in the nation.

In Upper Marlboro, Bremer was taken under heavy guard into a large courtroom at 9 a.m. to face Chief Judge Ralph W. Powers Jr. of the county Circuit Court. The arraignment lasted 15 minutes and Bremer was immediately taken back to Towson, where he has been held since the early morning hours of May 16.

There were 23 spectators and an estimated 30 security men inside the room. All spectators were subjected to tests by metal detectors before they

were allowed inside the courtroom.

Bremer first appeared in federal court at midnight the night of the shooting, where \$200,000 bond was set. The state has also set bond at \$200,000. His next appearance was arraignment in U.S. District Court in Baltimore last Wednesday when he entered not guilty pleas to four federal charges arising from the shooting.

Bremer was dressed in prison and hospital clothes the first time, but yesterday he wore the same gray sportcoat, black shirt and tan trousers that he wore at his federal arraignment. The FBI said these clothes belong to him.

Bremer was not allowed to plead on the state charges yesterday because of confusion over which attorney will represent him in Maryland.

Powers entered not guilty pleas on Bremer's behalf—but pointed out that those pleas could be changed after appointment of an attorney for Bremer sometime in the next few days.

Under Maryland law, an accused person can plead guilty, not guilty, or not guilty by reason of insanity. The last plea would set off a complex chain of psychiatric examinations before trial.

Meanwhile, Wallace remained yesterday in Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring. There was no clear indication when he might be

moved.

"I don't think there is any immediate departure plan," Billy Joe Camp, Wallace's campaign press secretary, told newsmen.

Both Camp and hospital spokesman Thomas Burke quoted Wallace's attending physician, Dr. Joseph F. Schanno, as saying no decision had been made on transferring the governor to a hospital in Alabama for another operation.

Wallace was hit four times by bullets, one of which lodged in his spinal cord and may paralyze him from the waist down for life.

A medical bulletin yesterday said the governor was experiencing normal temperature, blood pressure and pulse. "He had a full night's sleep and enjoyed a breakfast of scrambled eggs and toast," the bulletin said.

The governor was visited yesterday by Gov. William Waller of Mississippi and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, wife of the governor of Georgia.

Waller told reporters doctors would not allow him to see Wallace because of the governor's "over-extending himself" in physical therapy sessions Monday.

Bremer stood and spoke in a loud, clear voice in brief answer to two questions yesterday, but otherwise the 15-minute hearing was taken up with legal technicalities.

"Arthur Herman Bremer, stand up," said the deputy clerk.

Bremer stood and listened to the state charges against him — attempted murder, assault with intent to murder, assault and battery, and illegally carrying and using a handgun.

The first charge carries possible penalties of life imprisonment or death by electrocution. The last two charges stem from Maryland's two-month-old handgun legislation.

Also wounded in the May 15 shooting in a Laurel shopping

center were Alabama State Trooper E. D. Dothard, U.S. Secret Service Agent Nicholas Zarvos and Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker.

Bremer is charged by the state on four counts each of the six different charges because of the total of four persons he allegedly shot.

"Yes," said Bremer yesterday, when the clerk asked him if he had been served with a copy of the state indictment.

He also said yes when asked if he had an attorney, and added that the attorney was Benjamin Lipsitz, who was appointed May 16 in federal court in Baltimore to represent Bremer on four federal charges lodged against him.

However, Lipsitz, who was present yesterday, immediately spoke up and explained to the judge that it was not yet clear if he would represent Bremer in the states case.

Lipsitz said, "He (Bremer) has asked me to represent him in this case."

He said he could not do this, however, until he resolved any "possible conflict or ethical implications" of representing Bremer on both the federal and state charges. Lipsitz did

not say what the implications might be.

However, it is known that federal authorities are anxious to try Bremer in Baltimore before he goes to trial on the state charges, and Lipsitz said yesterday that if he is Bremer's attorney in state court he will introduce a motion asking that the state trial be held after the federal one.

Thus federal authorities could make the first national example of relatively new legislation under which they have charged Bremer—a provision of the 1968 Civil Rights Act making it a federal crime to assault, among others, candidates for federal office. This charge carries a maximum 10-year prison term on conviction. Bremer is also charged with assaulting a federal officer and carrying a gun in interstate commerce.

Prince George's State's Attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr. is known to feel that Bremer should first be tried in the state court since the charges there carry heavier penalties.

Marshall said yesterday he is ready to go to trial July 12. No federal trial date has been set.



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Mrs. Jimmy Carter, left, Georgia governor's wife, chats with Mrs. George Wallace.