

The year in pictures

**The Wallace Shooting**

# Once again, violence to haunt the political stage

In Laurel, Md., Wallace wades into the crowd, greeting his supporters

Below, a hand holding a gun snakes toward



In the remarkable sequence by CBS cameraman Laurens Pierce, puffs of gunsmoke appear as Bremer fires a third and fourth time



A Secret Service agent tries gamely to thwart the assassin by throwing his coat



On that day in May when Arthur Bremer poked his .38-caliber pistol through the crowd at a Maryland shopping center and gunned down George Wallace, it was as much an assault on the democratic process as it was an attack upon the life of one man. In an election year, the assassination attempt did two things: it removed a major

candidate from the electoral scene—and in the end contributed to the size of Nixon's victory. It also resurrected all the chilling, familiar incidents that most Americans preferred to think had been buried with the violent decade of the '60s and the murders of John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wallace from the second rank of well-wishers



Arthur Bremer, in dark glasses, can be seen. He aims and fires

Aware at last of what has been happening, bystanders grapple with Bremer



Her husband has fallen to the ground, and Cornelia Wallace lunges to protect him

