

## Bremer Has Many Things In

NEW YORK (AP) — A quiet young man, a loner with few friends and alienated from his family, Arthur H. Bremer has many things in common with Lee Harvey Oswald and Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Such men act on impulse and feel compelled to change the world, says a psychiatrist often called upon by the Justice Department to examine would-be presidential assassins.

Bremer, 21, is accused of shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace as Wallace campaigned Monday for the Democratic presidential nomination in Laurel, Md.

Sirhan was 24 when he fatally shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy during the 1968 presidential campaign. Oswald was 23 when he assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Dr. David Abrahamsen, a New York psychiatrist, has examined more than a dozen people who threatened the president or vice president. He has written a book about Oswald, "Our Violent Society," and researched the personality of assassins.

"These people have a very low level of frustration. They have to act out their impulses whenever the possibility is there," said Abrahamsen. "They feel very threatened. To overcome being threatened, they try to change the world."

Assassins and potential assassins often come from broken homes or were otherwise separated from their families, he said. "They often feel alienated and have a need for revenge," he said.

"These people think of the world as a place of chaos and try to clean up the chaos by an extraordinary act such as killing," he said. "They are not really trying to kill a person. They are trying to change the world."

Abrahamsen has never seen Bremer or personally examined Oswald or Sirhan, though he has studied their cases.

Bremer was arrested in Milwaukee last November for carrying a concealed weapon. Os-

wald was reduced one rank while he was in the Marine Corps for carrying an unauthorized personal weapon.

A court psychiatrist who examined Bremer after his arrest last year said Tuesday Bremer did not seem dangerous at the time. Oswald underwent psychiatric tests in grade school and was found to have a passive tendency toward aggression, nothing more.

A minister who interviewed Bremer last year reported Bre-

mer said he had no close friends. On a personal history questionnaire when he was in high school, Oswald answered no to a question of whether he had any close friends.

The minister, Fred E. Blue Jr., said Bremer "appears to bottle up anger but will sometime let it go—I assess him as bordering on paranoia." The defense in the Sirhan trial asserted that he shot Kennedy in "a state of gathering paranoid rage."

# Common With Oswald, Sirhan

Few people know Bremer well. The sketchy picture that emerges from the comments of his family, school acquaintances and people he worked with is that of a fairly intelligent young man who kept to himself the reasons for whatever he did.

"There is no explanation we can give at all," said Theodore

Bremer when told his younger brother had shot Wallace.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," said Sirhan's older brother when told of the shooting of Robert Kennedy.

"I can't believe it," Bremer's father said of the shooting, "if my boy did it, he must have got awfully sick."

"My son—it can't be," Sirhan's mother said in 1968. "Ever since he had a fall about a year ago, he hasn't been the same."

Bremer lived with his family in Milwaukee until last fall when he moved into an apartment by himself. Oswald's father died before he was born, and he was never very close to his mother. Sirhan's father left the family after quarreling with his wife.

Though he received A's in history and English, Bremer had only a C average in school.

Oswald had above average scores on intelligence tests but was a mediocre student. Sirhan had good grades in the schools of his native Jordan but never lived up to his academic potential.

Bremer quit two jobs in Milwaukee without explanation. He just didn't show up. Sirhan held several jobs, but never lasted a year on any of them. Oswald drifted from place to place through most of his adult life and never held a job for long.

Like Oswald, Bremer was a loner. "He kept to himself. He never tried to be friendly," said Dolores Masche, wife of the

manager of the apartment house where Bremer lived in Milwaukee. "He was very much of a loner."

A landlady in New Orleans said Oswald acted in much the same way.

"When he passed me or my husband in the yard, he wouldn't say anything," said the landlady. "He just kept walking with his head down."

Like Sirhan, Bremer recorded his thoughts in notebooks. Bremer's were found in his apartment. In one of those notebooks were these words: "Cheer up, Oswald."