

# Bremer's Car Called Motel on

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"RFK Must Die" and another book on Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, were among the items found in Arthur Herman Bremer's car, according to an FBI search warrant field yesterday in Baltimore.

Bremer former Milwaukee bus boy and school janitor, is being held on \$200,000 bond on charges of shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace at Monday's shopping center rally in Laurel, Md.

High federal officials who have reviewed investigative reports on the Wallace shooting said yesterday that there is no evidence whatsoever to indicate that Bremer was a hired killer.

At least 200 FBI agents still were following leads across the country and have found no indication of a conspiracy in the Wallace shooting, federal sources here in Washington said.

Clarence Goetz, magistrate in Baltimore, said yesterday the warrant used to search Bremer's 1968 Rambler listed six pages of items the FBI took from the car.

Included were 13 gas station road maps, a Rand McNally road atlas, two Republican campaign buttons, one Sen. George McGovern campaign flyer and one Wallace poster.

In addition, the warrant listed three suitcases, a good deal of clothing, Bremer's birth certificate, three newspapers and "various pages of lined notebook paper containing miscellaneous items."

Officially, the FBI declined to comment on the search. Other reliable federal sources said the car contained an itinerary for Wallace's campaign in Maryland.

Bremer's father flew to Maryland yesterday and visited with his son for about 2½ hours at the Baltimore County jail in Towson, Md., where Bremer is being held.

One source said the material taken from the car indi-

cated the 21-year-old Bremer was "driving a hotel on wheels."

The items supported the earlier evidence that Bremer was following the Wallace campaign for at least several weeks.

The campaign material on McGovern and undisclosed Republicans is the first positive indication that Bremer had at least a passing interest in other candidates.

The book, "RFK Must Die," by Robert B. Kaiser and the other book with the title of "Sirhan" came from the Milwaukee public library, according to the warrant.

Kaiser's book, published in 1970, was often advertised as "the book that challenges the police and FBI to reopen the case" and alleged that Robert Kennedy's 1968 assassination was a conspiracy.

Prince George's County police yesterday took apart the Bremer car, piece by piece, searching for evidence that the FBI might not have found in its search of the car Tuesday.

"The FBI conducted a search," said Assistant Chief John W. Rhoads. "We're going into it a little deeper."

Four detectives wearing rubber gloves were carefully taking out the car's interiors and peeling back parts of the body.

"They're looking in all the hiding places," said Rhoads. He declined to say if anything had been found.

The car's seats, tires and other assorted parts were carefully laid out on the blacktop in a sealed-off area behind the county police academy in Forestville.

The detectives, working with two cameras, took photos of the interior as they stripped it. Some smaller parts were placed in small plastic bags.

"You aren't going to be able to tell what kind of a car it is (when they're finished)," said Rhoads.

He said his department and the FBI were working cooperatively in examining the evidence and that some

parts of the car might be sent to the FBI for analysis.

The FBI's search of the car was made Tuesday in a Sunoco service station on Central Avenue in Randolph Village where the car was towed by county police Monday evening.

"They worked on it all day," recalled Thomas Smith, a station attendant.

Smith said he saw a sports coat in the back seat with a turtle-neck sweater, suitcases and other clothes. He said the sport coat "looked expensive."

"It was a junk car, a Rebel Rambler," said Smith. "The fenders were all bent up." He said the FBI fingerprinted the whole car.

He said FBI agents worked on the car most of Tuesday while Prince George's police, with their own separate search warrant in hand, watched patiently. Then at 4 p.m. Tuesday, he said, the car was towed by county police several miles to their academy.

Court records in Milwaukee show that the Bremer family had frequent contact with social service agencies and was considered a problem family in which parental quarreling and neglect were common.

In a 1952 hearing, Bremer's mother, Sylvia Bremer, displayed anger towards a baby boy whom she was holding, according to juvenile records.

The baby is not identified as Arthur by name in the court records, but he was the Bremer's only baby at that time.

According to the court records, Sylvia Bremer slapped the baby after first refusing to hold him at all. The judge, John R. Kenney, commented: "Well, I can see this mother doesn't know anything about children."

The juvenile court records also contain the following analysis from a social worker: "This family's history is not a very healthy one. The two oldest children are illegitimate and have different fathers. William is the first child to be born out

of wedlock, and this occurred three months after the parents' marriage. The mother continue to speak in loud harsh tones and shows little affection for William. The boy states that home is the most unhappy place. There is considerable quarreling going on between the parents and William."

Those comments were made by Edith Stander of the city's division of child welfare in 1956.

Interviews yesterday with others who knew Bremer or came into contact with him conformed earlier reports that he was a loner with apparently a great deal of patience and silent resolve.

For example, William Ganser, owner of Bill's Sound Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., said yesterday that Bremer had appeared in the parking lot by his store last Saturday morning 11 hours before Wallace appeared at a rally in the nearby armory.

"He arrived at 9:30 a.m. and sat in the car looking around all day . . . that's the first time I ever saw anybody wait in a car all day," Ganser said.

Ganser called the police about 3:30 p.m. and they came and questioned Bremer but did not take him into custody. Bremer attended the Wallace rally that night.

Despite reports that Bremer attended Wallace rallies around the country, he so far has been positively placed only at Wallace campaign functions in Wisconsin, Michigan and Maryland.

In a lengthy telephone interview from Milwaukee yesterday, Bremer's mother, Sylvia, said that she could not understand why Wallace wasn't better protected.

"I can't understand why Wallace didn't have a protection vest . . . I can't understand why they let someone come up and shoot him."

According to federal and Prince George's County authorities, it now appears that Bremer will be prose-

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cuted in both county and federal courts.

Paul R. Kramer, deputy U.S. attorney for Maryland, said that in theory the two prosecutions could take place within one or two weeks of each other.

Kramer said he expects the federal grand jury to indict Bremer next week on the two charges of assaulting a federal officer and interfering with a candidate running for federal office. The maximum penalty for each is 10 years in jail.

At the same time, Vincent Femia, deputy state's attorney in Prince George's, said he expects the local grand jury next week to also indict Bremer on the charge of attempted murder, which is punishable by life imprisonment or death in the electric chair.

Jay F. Morris, administrative aide to County Executive William W. Gullett, said yesterday that Monday night there was a disagreement between local and federal authorities over who should have custody of Bremer. Morris said Gullett resolved the issue by ordering county police to turn Bremer over to federal agents.