

# Bremer Arraigned by U.S.

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**BALTIMORE** — Red-faced and nervous but frequently grinning, Arthur Herman Bremer was arraigned early today on federal charges in the shooting yesterday of Alabama Gov. George Corley Wallace and a Secret Service agent.

Following the 20-minute, after-midnight arraignment in the Federal Courthouse here, U.S. Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz set bond for the 21-year-old suspect at \$200,000. He then was whisked from the courthouse under extraordinarily tight security to the Baltimore County Jail in Towson.

The suspect was identified as being a resident of Milwaukee, Wis. He address was given as 2433 W. Michigan St., Apt. 9, Milwaukee.

Bremer was formally charged with violating the 1968 Civil Rights Act, which makes it a federal crime to intimidate or assault a candidate for federal office; and assaulting a federal officer for allegedly shooting Secret Serviceman

Nicholas Zorbas. Both charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

In addition, Prince Georges County State's Atty. Arthur A. Marshall Jr. said Bremer has been charged with four counts of assault with intent to murder, a crime under the Maryland code which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years' imprisonment on each charge. The four counts represent charges on each of the four persons wounded in yesterday's shooting. The others wounded were Alabama State Trooper Capt. E. C. Dothard and Dora Thompson of Rogers Heights, Md.

## Charges Are Read

Marshall said the charges were read to Bremer in Prince Georges County Hospital last night before he was taken by federal authorities to Baltimore for the arraignment on the federal charges. Bremer will have to be brought back to the county for arraignment on the state charges, Marshall said.

Bremer, a short, stocky man whose blond hair was matted with patches of blood, appeared before Goetz dressed in blue hospital pants, a yellow shirt and wearing a white sock on one foot and a blue slipper on the other. He bore visible bruises on his forehead. The left side of his neck and face were scratched.

His hands clasped behind his back and his feet slightly apart, he assumed a posture resembling a military rest stance as Goetz read the charges. He grinned and smiled at the judge throughout the hearing, but took a more serious demeanor when questioned on his finances by the magistrate, answering in short, terse statements.

After he said he understood the charges against him, Bremer declined to accept court-appointed attorney Dan Lipsitz of Baltimore, who shortly before midnight had been brought to the courthouse to represent him.

Goetz asked if Bremer was able to afford his own counsel. Bremer replied, stammering at points, "No, I'm not, and I wouldn't favor a court-appointed attorney. . . I want someone from the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) to represent me." He concluded by smiling broadly at the judge.

Goetz said Lipsitz would represent him until other arrangements could be made, which again brought a grin to Bremer's face: "Yes, would you do that, please?" he said.

The magistrate questioned Bremer under oath to establish that he was unable to afford counsel. Bremer said he was unemployed and had no income at the present time. He said the only property he owned was a "motor vehicle" and "my worth is less than \$200.

U.S. Atty.-George Beall recommended that the court set a \$200,000 bond because of the "nature and circumstances of the charges. . . . The weight of evidence against him is very strong," Beall said, adding that the prosecution has eyewitness accounts and films of the incident which allegedly place Bremer at the scene.

## Fine Disputed

Furthermore, Beall said, Bremer is not a resident of Maryland, indicating the possibility he could jump bond. Beall also told the judge that Bremer had been charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a charge later dropped to a disorderly conduct charge for which Beall said Bremer was fined \$35.

"I think that was \$25," interjected Bremer.

Lipsitz argued that the court should "not be affected by the fact that the alleged victim of the alleged shooting was a prominent political figure," and asked that the bond be a lower figure.

Goetz, however, ruled with the prosecutor, saying that the "court cannot be blind to the

nature of this case and the nature of this act . . . the people in this case should be considered," he said.

Goetz also ordered a preliminary hearing for May 24 in his court.

The courthouse, which also houses the city's post office, was subjected to extraordinary security precautions. When Bremer was brought from the hospital to the courthouse, U.S. marshals and FBI agents cleared the basement post office loading dock area and at 10:20 p.m., a five-car cortege sped into the garage.

Bremer, handcuffed, was grabbed under the armpits by two agents, who rushed him up the loading dock stairs and into an awaiting elevator.

A handful of newsmen and photographers who had gathered near the loading dock door got only a glimpse of the suspect during the maneuver.

About 20 reporters and an equal number of security officers crammed into the 12 by 20 foot fifth floor courtroom during the hearing. Afterward, agents whisked Bremer out of the courthouse and back down to the loading dock with such speed that reporters, running from the courtroom to street level, barely caught a glimpse of the cars leaving the building.



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**Arthur Bremer (left) after his arraignment in Baltimore.**