

Wallace Is

Gov. George C. Wallace, shot at least four times and facing temporary or permanent paralysis of the legs, lay in Holy Cross Hospital today—a day that had been expected to bring him the elation of his greatest political victory.

Wallace still was listed in critical condition today at the Silver Spring hospital but physicians said he was doing "remarkably well" and they are optimistic.

However, both legs remained paralyzed. "What disability as a result of his wounds (may remain) is difficult to evaluate at this time," said Dr. Joseph Schanno.

Dr. Herman Maganzini, a cardiovascular specialist, said that Wallace was doing well, "considering the magnitude of his wounds." He also said there had been no complications.

Voters in Maryland and Michigan are going to the polls in presidential primaries today, and the Alabaman is given a strong chance of winning the Democratic primaries in both states.

A 21-year-old suspect, Arthur Herman Bremer, of Milwaukee, was being held on \$200,000 bond after an early-morning arraignment in Baltimore. He was seized just after a fusillade of bullets slammed into the 52-year-old Wallace as he shook hands yesterday afternoon with supporters in a Laurel shopping center.

A Secret Service agent, Nicholas Zarvos, was shot in the neck and seriously wounded. Capt. E. C. Dothard, an Alabama state trooper and bodyguard, was also wounded, as was a Hyattsville campaign worker for Wallace, Mrs. Dora Thompson.

The suspect, who was wearing a red-white-and-blue shirt adorned with Wallace buttons when arrested, was beaten by members of the crowd before police could get him away from the group of about 1,200 in the chaos and terror after the shooting.

"There is no indication of anyone else being involved," a Justice Department official said late

Improving

yesterday as a massive investigation was underway by federal agents and Maryland authorities. "We have no evidence there was anybody else involved at this time," said Col. Thomas Smith, superintendent of the Maryland state police at a late-night briefing at the hospital.

Expressions of sympathy and remorse poured into the hospital. President Nixon telephoned his sympathies to Mrs. Cornelia Wallace, and called the shooting "senseless and tragic."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey broke off campaigning in Maryland and rushed to the hospital. Mrs. George McGovern, whose husband was campaigning in Michigan, also went to Holy Cross to comfort Mrs. Wallace. Both Democratic candidates announced they were halting all further campaign activity for the time.

As Mrs. Wallace, still wearing the blood-stained yellow dress she had on at the shopping center, maintained her vigil at Holy Cross, the

announcement came that Wallace "will continue" to seek the Democratic nomination.

Billy Joe Camp, the governor's press secretary, said Wallace and his wife had conferred and decided to continue the campaign. Wallace remains a "strong and viable" candidate, his aide said.

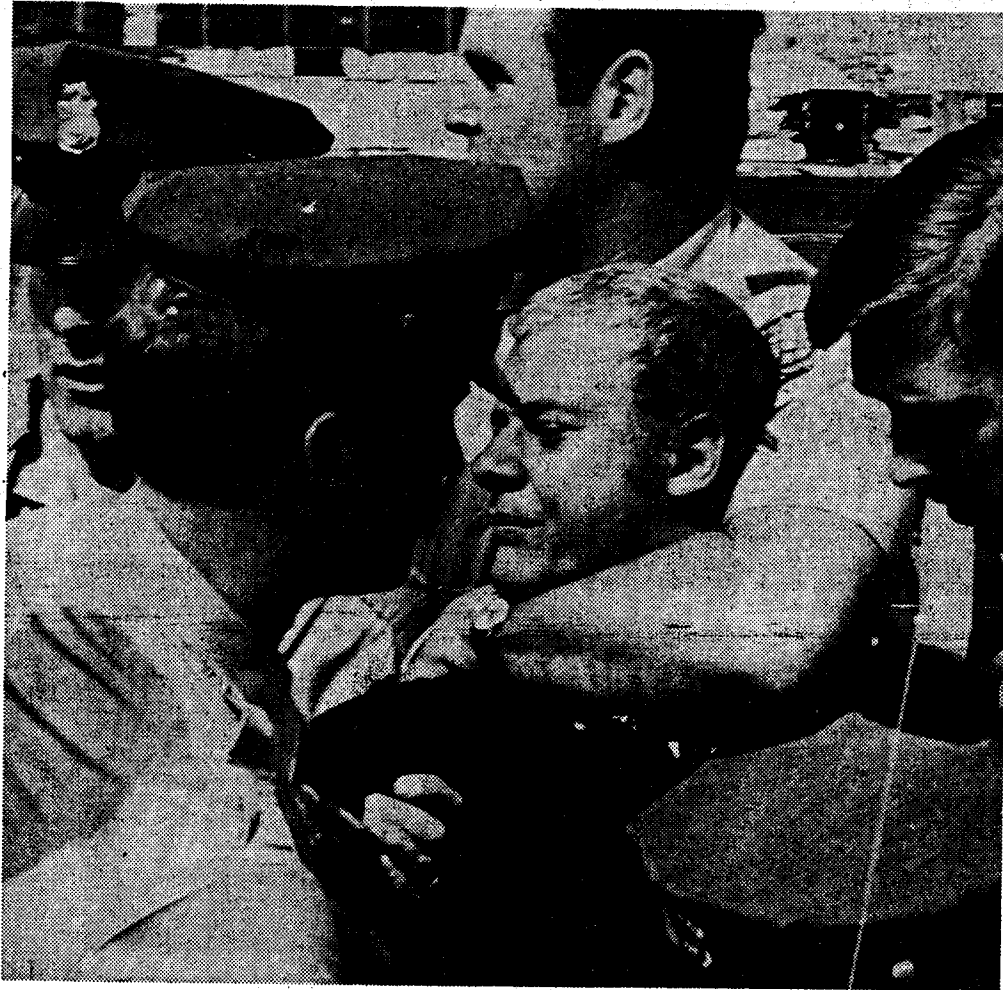
Camp also said late last night that the paralysis of Wallace's legs could be "temporary."

"We'll know more about this in 4 or 5 days," he said, adding that reports from doctors after more than four hours of surgery were "optimistic."

Camp said, "The governor is still in the race and will be through the Democratic convention. . . . We expect him to be in this campaign this fall as a Democratic leader."

Mrs. Wallace, the governor's wife of 16 months, appeared briefly before television cameras at the hospital early today to "say something" in a message of thanks.

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—Media 4 Photographer Joseph Kundrat

Suspect Arthur Herman Bremer is collared immediately by police and agents.



Mrs. George Wallace rushes to her husband's side seconds after he was shot.

—CBS News

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Blood stains still were visible on her yellow skirt. She had removed the jacket and wore a white blouse as she said:

"I just wanted to tell you myself that the governor's in very good condition. . . . I feel very optimistic about him. As you know, his nature, he didn't earn the title of the 'fighting little judge' for nothing, and I expect him to continue in that same vein. . . .

"I feel very good that he is alive, that he has a sound heart, and a sound brain. . . . I couldn't thank God any more."

At a midnight, post-surgery briefing at the hospital by members of the team of physicians that labored over Wallace, Dr. Schanno said that one bullet was lodged around the spinal column below the governor's left lower rib and had to be left in place for now, at least.

4 or 5 Wounds

Doctors said that Wallace had suffered 4 or 5 bullet wounds. There was "through and through penetration" of the stomach, and damage to the ligaments of the large intestine. The intestine itself was grazed.

During the surgery, physicians also stopped hemorrhages in the chest and lower abdomen and recovered a bullet at the lower edge of the thorax, the part of the body between the neck and the spine. He also suffered a "superficial" wound in the right arm from a .38-caliber bullet.

The shooting of Wallace after a day of pre-election appearances in Maryland threw the campaign for the presidential nomination into great uncertainty.

Besides today's primaries, Wallace's name will be on the primary ballots for the May 23 election in Oregon and Rhode Island. He is not entered in the California primary on June 6, but he has talked of a write-in campaign there.

Immediately following the shooting, Nixon ordered Treasury Secretary John Connally to extend Secret Service protection to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., and Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark.

Connally, who was severely wounded in the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, personally called the senator. A White House spokesman said Kennedy had accepted the protection "on a

temporary basis."

Of the shooting, Connally said, "It's just unbelievable." "It's just so tragic that things like this happen in this country. It makes you want to weep."

Wallace was climaxing a week of campaigning in Maryland yesterday with an appearance at the Laurel Shopping Center on Route 1, after an earlier rally in Wheaton.

"Hey, Governor"

He had ended his speech, speaking from the special bulletproof lectern carried with him, and was heading for his car. But as the crowd clamored for him, the governor removed his coat and waded into the crowd, shaking hands.

"George, hey, Governor, shake our hands," people in the crowd called.

A hand with a gun was extended through the crowd and the shots blasted out. Some thought four were fired, others said they heard five.

As the bullets slammed into Wallace and a cloud of white

smoke drifted around the scene, Wallace crumpled to the pavement on his back, blood seeping through his pale blue shirt in the chest area.

As members of the crowd and police pressed around the fallen governor, Mrs. Wallace threw herself over his body, saying, "Honey, Honey."

Lying a few feet from Wallace was Capt. Dothard, his longtime bodyguard. People milled wildly about and there were shouts of "Give him air — get back."

Teeth 'Bleeding'

One Wallace supporter, Jack Ingram, 27, of Huntingtown, Md., said he had heard the gunman yelling just before the shooting, "Hey, George, Hey, George." He said the gunman pointed the pistol point-blank at Wallace's abdomen and began pulling the trigger.

As members of the crowd and police struggled frantically with the gunman, people were yelling, "Tear him apart," according to a young man nearby, Randy Blair from Baltimore County.

"His teeth were all bleeding," Blair said. "He was twisted and ripped. . . . Everybody was trying to get hold of him." Police finally got him away from the crowd and into a police vehicle. Police said he did not seem badly injured,

however.

Some described the gunshots as sounding like firecrackers going off, others recalled them as loud pops.

After the gunfire, Charles Maltz, 28, a University of Maryland instructor who said he supported McGovern but came to the rally to see Wallace, said, "I thought, Kennedy, King and Kennedy — my God, here it is again."

As aides and police surrounded Wallace on the pavement, George Mangum, Wallace's campaign master of ceremonies, belowed at the crowd, "Get back, get back. Are you for him or against him? If you're for him, then help us move this crowd away."

Dr. Frank Bruno, a Laurel physician, was the first doctor to reach Wallace, United Press International reported, and treated him as he lay on the ground.

Breathing Difficult

"He did have some signs of shock and was having trouble breathing and the pulse was rapid," Bruno said.

As aides awaited an ambulance, Wallace was first arrived, however, just as he had been put in the back of the wagon. He was taken out and loaded aboard the ambulance with an oxygen mask over his face for the quick drive to Holy Cross, just over 10 miles away.

"Where did they hit me?" asked Wallace as the rescue team rushed him to the hospital.

Emmett Eaton, of Montgomery, Ala., a campaign aide, said he told the governor, "It's all in the right side and you're okay," according to the Newhouse News Service.

"Several times during the trip, the governor looked up and asked, 'How much further to the hospital?' Another time he said, 'Get a pillow and put it under my head.'"

Remained Calm

Eaton said Wallace was conscious and alert — "very calm" — during the trip to the hospital although he was "obviously in pain."

During the minutes in the ambulance, Eaton said he ripped off Wallace's shirt and saw a wound in the governor's

right shoulder. Earlier, he had noticed three other wounds he said.

Eaton said that Wallace was concerned about Capt. Dothard. "One time the governor looked at the captain (next to him in the ambulance) and gave the 'OK' signal — you know, with his thumb and forefinger," Eaton said.

When the ambulance arrived at the hospital about 4:20 or 4:30 p.m., the initial report was that Wallace had suffered "loss of power in the lower extremities."

About an hour later, as the special team of surgeons prepared for exploratory surgery, press secretary Camp said the governor's condition was "stable but critical."

In addition to the Holy Cross physicians, President Nixon dispatched Dr. William Lukash of the Bethesda Naval Hospital to Holy Cross and Gov. Marvin Mandel sent the chiefs of medicine and neurosurgery from the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore to assist.

Security Strict

As hundreds of spectators and newsmen waited through the rainy night for word on Wallace, the suspect was being kept in strict security — although no one was sure where.

Arthur A. Marshall Jr., Prince Georges County state's attorney, said that Bremer had been taken to Prince Georges General Hospital about 4:30 p.m., after being treated by an unnamed private physician.

While the suspect was being treated for scalp lacerations in the emergency room, Marshall said at one point that he would be taken to Upper Marlboro for arraignment on state charges. However, finally, federal agents took Bremer away.

Indications were that a jurisdictional battle between Maryland and federal authorities went on over who would take charge of the suspect.

But by early evening, the Secret Service had given way to the FBI. Bremer was taken by federal agents to the Baltimore County Courthouse in Towson.

"We don't want another Jack Ruby case," Thomas Farrow, the FBI agent in charge of the Baltimore office,

was reported as telling Maryland officials.

Marshall said that during the time Bremer was at Prince Georges Hospital, he was on a litter and not handcuffed. However, as police formed a heavy cordon to remove him, cuffs were put on and he was whisked away in a five-car convoy.

Told of Rights

Before leaving the hospital, Marshall said, the suspect was advised of his constitutional rights.

When Bremer appeared for arraignment at U.S. District Court in Baltimore after midnight, he was formally charged with violating the 1968 Civil Rights Act, legislation passed after the assassination of Robert Kennedy, and with assaulting a federal officer in

the shooting of the Secret Service agent.

Bremer's blond hair was matted with patches of blood and he was dressed in blue hospital pants, a yellow shirt and wearing a white sock on one foot and a blue slipper on the other. Bruises could be seen on his forehead and the left side of his neck and face were scratched.

He grinned nervously at U.S. Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz during the 20-minute hearing. He said he was unemployed and had no income.

U.S. Atty. George Beall recommended the \$200,000 bond because of the "nature and circumstances of the charges. . . . The weight of evidence against him is very strong," he said.

Wants ACLU

Bremer declined to accept the court-appointed attorney from Baltimore, Dan Lipsitz, and said, "I want someone from the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) to defend me." The magistrate said Lipsitz would represent him until other arrangements could be made.

Bremer grinned again and said, "Yes, would you do that please."

As federal agents and police maintained a stringent security net at the courthouse, the bond was set and a May 24 preliminary hearing was set

for Bremer.

The five-car convoy then quickly returned him to the jail in Towson.

Bremer suddenly disappeared from his \$138.50-a-month apartment in Milwaukee about a month ago, shortly after the April 4 Wisconsin primary in which Wallace finished a strong second.

A high-school graduate and a one-time photography student, Bremer grew up in a blue-collar Milwaukee neighborhood.

Authorities have reported that Bremer purchased a .38-caliber revolver in Milwaukee on Jan. 13. They contend it was the same snub-nosed weapon recovered at the scene of the Laurel shooting.

His father, William, is a truck driver who has worked for the same firm for more than 30 years. He graduated from South Division High School in 1969 where his grades were described as below average.

An acquaintance at the Milwaukee Area Technical School where Bremer then went to study photography, said, "He seldom talked to anyone." The acquaintance added, "He never asked a question in class."

Found Clips, Buttons

Though his family and friends said he had shown no particular interest in politics, FBI agents who searched his apartment yesterday turned up Wallace buttons and numerous clippings about the governor. There also was a Wallace sticker on the apartment door.

In addition, a notebook in the apartment contained enigmatic notes such as, "Happiness is hearing George Wallace singing the National Anthem or having him arrested for a hit and run traffic accident."

A gun digest was found in a closet along with an open box of bullets. On top of the refrigerator were unpaid electric bills and airline and motel brochures.

Another entry in the notebook read, "My country tiz of thee, sweet land of bigotry."

A wire dispatch from Milwaukee quoted Bremer's father as saying, "I can't believe my boy did this . . . he must be very sick."

His father also said that "he never mentioned anything about Wallace, never mentioned anything political." He had lived alone in the apartment after moving out of his parents' home.

"We never knew much about him," said his teen-aged brother, Roger. Bremer's father did not know his son had left Milwaukee for Maryland.

Bremer reportedly was noticed earlier yesterday at the Wallace rally in Wheaton, the governor's stop just before going to the Laurel rally.

Several hours after the shooting, FBI agents located a blue, late model compact car with Wisconsin license plates, parked at the shopping center only a few hundred feet from the scene of the assassination attempt. Agents covered the car's license plates with paper, apparently to prevent the numbers from being recorded, and later impounded it.

Saw Possibility

Bremer's identity was not made public until about three hours after the shooting. The announcement came from the Justice Department, which said the Secret Service had the snub-nosed revolver found and will be getting the bullets.

Wallace's concern for security was shown by the special lectern carried on the campaign trail. Formed of three pieces of U-shaped steel, it was tall enough so it came to the top of Wallace's chest when he was standing behind it. It was covered with red-white-and blue vinyl. He was using it for the Laurel speech.

Asked once if he worried about being shot, Wallace said during his 1968 campaign, "It's not something you let worry you," the Associated Press said.

"But I'm fully aware of the possibility. I'm reminded of it every time I step behind that lectern," Wallace said.

Prince Georges County Executive William Gullett said yesterday that Bremer had been arrested in Wisconsin in the fall of 1971 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon. Gullett said the charge later was reduced.

Zarvos, the Secret Service agent, underwent several hours of surgery at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, suffering from a wound in the neck. His condition was described as "serious but stable."

The small hospital vice was called by a woman who said a bomb would go off. Apparently reports that the suspect had been taken to Riverdale triggered the calls.



The gunman (dark glasses) fires at Gov. Wallace (out of view in foreground) at point-blank range.