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Wallace Welcome At Miami Convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace conferred Tuesday with Democratic National Chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien and was told he will be welcome at the party's national convention in Miami Beach.

It was the first time Wallace has conferred with O'Brien during the governor's current campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. Earlier in the year, O'Brien had said he did not view Wallace as a bona-fide Democrat because of his third-party presidential bid in 1968.

Doctors said Wallace continues to improve from his wounds.

Wallace was shot four times at a campaign rally in nearby Laurel, Md., May 15.

"The governor told me that he is looking forward to being down there in Miami," O'Brien told reporters after his 20-minute visit to Holy Cross Hospital.

"I said we are looking forward to seeing him there. We will have the welcome mat out for him."

Wallace's press secretary, Billy Joe Camp, said doctors Monday night tested how much sensation Wallace has in the hips and legs. They massaged his feet and reportedly found that he had as much reflex movement to his toes as he had the day before.

Doctors have reported that there is some return of involuntary muscular activity to the toes of both feet and that there is some encouraging evidence of increasing sensation down to the mid-thigh of both legs.

But specialists have cautioned that these favorable signs do not necessarily portend any extensive recovery of his leg function.

Camp said no decision had been made as to when surgery will be performed to remove a bullet from Wallace's spine. He said also it is not known whether the governor will be moved from Holy Cross to a Birmingham hospital.



BEDSIDE CHAT — Lawrence O'Brien, (left), chairman of the National Democratic Committee talks with Governor George Wallace in his hospital room Tuesday. Wallace is recovering from gunshot wounds received while campaigning for the Democratic nomination for President last week. Wallace is recovering in the Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Springs, Md.—(AP Wirephoto)

Bremer Indicted By State And Federal Grand Juries

BALTIMORE (AP) — Arthur Herman Bremer was indicted Tuesday by federal and state grand juries on assault charges stemming from the shooting of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons at a political rally May 15.

The 21-year-old Bremer, being held at the Baltimore County Jail in suburban Towson, is scheduled to appear for

federal arraignment at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The four-count federal indictment charges Bremer with violating federal civil rights and firearms statutes.

The stocky, blond Milwaukee man is accused of using a .38-caliber revolver to wilfully injure a presidential candidate and to assault Nicholas J. Zarvos, a Secret Service agent guarding Wallace.

The federal indictment also charges Bremer with bringing the gun from Wisconsin to Maryland and with using the weapon to commit a felony.

Each of the first three counts carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine; the fourth count bears a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

The federal indictment was returned about two hours after a grand jury in Prince Georges County—where the shootings occurred—handed down four identical six-count indictments carrying potentially more serious penalties.

The state charges accuse Bremer with two common law offenses, attempted murder and

assault and battery; two felonies, assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to maim; and two violations of Maryland's recently enacted handgun control law.

The common law crimes carry no fixed penalties and can result, upon conviction, in death in the gas chamber, according to Arthur Marshall, the state's attorney who made the presentation to the jury in Upper Marlboro.

Marshall said, however, that the death penalty has never been imposed in a case where the victim survived.

Listed in the state indictments as victims were Wallace; Zarvos, Capt. E.C. Dothard, an Alabama state trooper accompanying Wallace; and Dora Thompson, a campaign worker from Alabama.

Zarvos, the only person remaining hospitalized besides Wallace, 52, was reported resting comfortably at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, Md., where he underwent surgery for a throat wound.

No date has been set for Bremer's arraignment on the state charges.