

# Bremer Followed Wallace Around

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## Washington

The FBI found mounting evidence yesterday that Arthur H. Bremer trailed Alabama Governor George C. Wallace for weeks before Wallace was shot in a Maryland shopping center.

Authorities refused to disclose exactly what they learned about Bremer's movements since he disappeared from his apartment in Milwaukee, nor would they indicate any possible motive for the shooting.

But they had numerous reports and statements putting Bremer at the scene of Wallace campaign rallies. Campaign workers recalled seeing the suspect on the campaign trail in Wisconsin and Maryland, and police in Kalamazoo, Mich., reported questioning him before a Wallace rally there.

Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III was asked if there was more than one person involved in the assassination attempt. He replied: "There is no indication that other than one man is involved."

Bremer remained in the Baltimore county jail at Towson, Md., where he called for a doctor yesterday afternoon. The suspect, who was roughed up by bystanders after the shooting, complained of head pains from lacerations.

Gray authorized a visit by a physician, specifying that he be accompanied by an FBI agent.

The White House was following developments closely. Officials said President Nixon called Mark Felt, acting associate director of the FBI, Monday night and ordered the bureau to move rapidly on the matter of custody as well as investigation of the case.

Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst also called Felt and said he felt strongly that federal author-

ities should take custody of the suspect, a Justice Department spokesman said. Kleindienst stressed that the investigation would cover several states, not just Prince Georges county, and voiced concern over Bremer's security.

There were reports that federal officials and police from Prince Georges county, Md., where the shooting occurred, quibbled over the custody of Bremer Monday night while he was being examined and treated at the Prince Georges County Hospital.

C. Maurice Weidemeyer, chairman of the Wallace Maryland campaign, said he had received several calls from campaign workers placing Bremer at a number of the governor's rallies in the state.

## 'AROUND'

He said he had also been told by Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel that Bremer "had been around at other rallies."

Janet Petrone, state coordinator of Women for Wallace, said Bremer came into the campaign office in the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Md., last week. She said she recognized him from pictures in the newspapers.

"He came in and looked around," Mrs. Petrone said. "Then he asked if there was anything he could do to help in the campaign. I said, 'Definitely, we need poll workers.' He said he was glad to do anything to help."

"I wouldn't forget him," she added. "I don't know how to explain it. He was very light. He seemed to have an albino look about him."

"He said he would be back and that he would see me around the first of the week. I saw him yesterday at the Wheaton Plaza. He came up

to the campaign table and said, 'Hi, babe, how's it going?'"

"I said, 'Just great,' and he wandered off behind the table."

## SPEECH

Wallace spoke at Wheaton Plaza Monday before his campaign to the Laurel Shopping Center where he was shot.

CBS television cameraman Laurens Pierce, who has covered the Wallace presidential campaign regularly, said he saw Bremer at the Wheaton Plaza rally — the one just before the Laurel rally — and recalled photographing him at Wallace rallies before.

He said he asked Bremer at Wheaton if they had not met before and Bremer reacted with a start, saying, "No, no."

Another cameraman reported seeing Bremer approach a policeman at Wheaton Plaza and asking the officer to steer Wallace in his direction after the speech so he (Bremer) could shake the governor's hand.

## REPLY

The officer was reported to have replied that it was up to Wallace to decide which way to move after he left the speaker's platform.

Franklin Daniel, Wallace's national youth coordinator, said he saw Bremer at a rally in Milwaukee the night of the Wisconsin primary.

"I remember something about his hair," Daniel said. "That's all."

He said when he saw the

suspect Monday after the shooting, "I thought I recognized him. I thought I saw that face in Milwaukee the night of the primary."

Police questioned Bremer in Kalamazoo, Mich., last Saturday.

## CALL

They were called by someone who saw a man sitting in a parking lot near an armory three hours before a Wallace rally was to begin. When officers questioned the man, he said he had come to the rally early to make sure he got a seat.

Police officials said they made a routine teletype check. Neither the automobile nor Bremer were listed as wanted, and they dropped the matter, the police said.

Pictures taken of the rally held later that evening show Bremer in the crowd.

Federal officials Tuesday took custody of the 1967 Rambler Bremer was driving when he was questioned in Michigan. It was found in the parking lot at the Laurel shopping center about 300 feet from the spot where Wallace was shot.