

9 Wounds: From Only 5 Bullets?

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP)—Four days after the shooting of George Wallace, there is still one question police have not been able to answer:

How did a five-shot revolver inflict six wounds on the Alabama Governor and injure three other persons as well?

Wallace's doctors said yesterday that they may have the question answered. It is possible, they said, that the Governor's six wounds may have been caused by only four bullets, and that two of these bullets may have hit two of the wounded bystanders after hitting Wallace.

That would mean a fifth bullet hit the third wounded bystander.

One bullet has been removed from Wallace's abdominal area, and second bullet is still lodged against or in his spinal cord. In addition, a bullet was removed from the jaw of Nicholas Zarvos, a Secret Service agent; Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker suffered a leg wound; and Alabama State Police Capt. E. C. Dothard suffered a flesh wound in his right side.

Doctors say Wallace suffered these wounds:

☛A through-and-through wound—one that enters the body and exits cleanly—in the right forearm.

☛A through-and-through wound of the right upper arm.

☛A superficial through-and-through wound of the right shoulder.

☛A glancing superficial wound of the left shoulder blade area.

☛A wound of entry in the right front chest.

☛A wound of entry in the right side of the chest.

"It is postulated that one and perhaps both of the bullets which went through the arm were the same bullets that entered the chest," said Dr. Joseph Schanno, one of the surgeons, after the operation.

Mrs. Thompson was standing to one side of Wallace and was probably struck by one of the bullets that passed through the Governor, a Wallace aide said. Dothard glancing wound, which required no hospitalization, may have been inflicted the same way.