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## Judge Denies Trial Delay For Bremer

Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge Ralph Powers refused yesterday to delay the July 12 trial of Arthur H. Bremer, the suspect in the May 15 shooting of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three others.

Powers did not formally rule on a motion by Benjamin Lipsitz, Bremer's lawyer, to delay the state trial until after the federal trial, scheduled to begin July 17, but Powers indicated strongly in a court hearing that he thinks the state trial should go ahead as planned.

Powers allowed a motion by County State's Attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr. to drop attempted murder charges against Bremer. Under Maryland law, an attempted crime is automatically a misdemeanor.

Although any punishment not considered cruel and unusual may be given for attempted murder, Marshall said he did not think the charge was as significant as the second charge against Bremer, which is assault with intent to murder.

If Bremer were convicted on all four counts of assault with intent to murder—for the four persons, including Wallace, he allegedly shot May 15—plus violations of Maryland's new handgun laws he is charged with, he could be sentenced to a total of 123 years in prison.

U.S. Attorney for Maryland George Beall, U.S. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and Maryland FBI chief Thomas Farrow failed to appear at yesterday's hearing even though summoned.