

Trial Postponed ^{F Post} For Arthur Bremer ⁷⁻⁹⁻⁷²

BALTIMORE (AP)— A federal judge postponed indefinitely Friday the start of the U.S. District Court trial of Arthur Herman Bremer on charges stemming from the attempted assassination of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama.

Meanwhile, a Maryland judge scheduled a hearing Monday to consider a similar defense motion to delay next Wednesday's scheduled start of the state trial of the 21-year-old suspect.

In both cases, Benjamin Lipsitz, the court-appointed defense attorney, said he needed more time to prepare his case, especially psychiatric evidence needed to support his insanity defense.

The decision by Chief Judge Edward S. Northrop of the federal bench cleared up one problem surrounding the dual prosecution of Bremer: Which court would take precedence.

The federal trial was to have begun July 17, five days after the state proceedings are slated to start in Prince Georges County Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro, Md.

"We're not playing tug-of-war with the state in this trial," Northrop said as he granted Lipsitz' motion for continuance, which was not opposed by U.S. Atty. George Beall.

"You should have a chance to prepare your case," the judge said, adding that he also felt a federal trial, coming right after a state trial, could be affected

by publicity from the first proceeding.

Lipsitz, using an argument he is expected to repeat before Judge Ralph Powers in Upper Marlboro Monday, said he needs at least two weeks more just to review prosecution evidence and arrange a psychiatric presentation.

Before granting the delay, Northrop refused a defense motion to dismiss the indictment accusing Bremer of wounding Wallace and Secret Service bodyguard Nicholas Zarvos and of violating federal firearms statutes.

The judge said the grounds cited by Lipsitz were either legally invalid or should be raised at proper points in the trial.

The defense contended that pre-trial publicity had prejudiced its case; that the indictment was based on vague and arbitrary laws; that no indigents, such as Bremer, served on the grand jury, and that the defendant was facing possible double jeopardy because of the two trials.

Bremer, a former busboy and school janitor from Milwaukee, is at Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital in Jessup, Md., undergoing routine psychiatric review ordered by Powers after he pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to the state charges.

Federal rules permit the use of insanity as a defense but not a formal plea.