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While his campaign aides charted his political future, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace yesterday began the arduous process of learning to live with legs that most likely will remain paralyzed for the rest of his life.

Wallace's chief campaign strategists met in Montgomery to discuss plans for mini-campaigns using standins in Democratic presidential primaries in Oregon, Rhode Island and New Mexico.

Besides such standins as former Florida Gov. Hayden Burns, former Alabama Gov. John Patterson and former California school superintendent Max Rafferty, Wallace press aide Billy Joe Camp said the campaign would use television spots filmed before Wallace was shot Monday at a political rally in the Laurel Shopping Center.

Camp also said that new TV spots may be filmed at Wallace's bedside as he continues his recovery.

Camp said Wallace himself had declared, "I'll run from a wheelchair if necessary."

"I think he can be President," Camp said. "I think he will be. He has just as much chance as anyone else."

Medically, his doctors began the first therapy on Wallace's paralyzed legs. This therapy — really just simple massages and moving the legs around on his bed in the intensive care unit of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring — will not help Wallace regain the use of his legs.

That was lost, probably forever, when a bullet landed in his spinal column and, according to doctors who have seen the X-rays and other tests, severely damaged the bundles of nerves that make up the spinal cord.

Dr. James G. Galbraith, Wallace's personal neurosurgeon, reported yesterday that Wallace was feeling "a little better" after running a fever that went up to 102 degrees during the night. By midafternoon, his fever had dropped to near-normal 100 degrees. His pulse had also gone up during the night.

Doctors said these "post-operative changes" were expected as a result of the five-hours of surgery Monday night.

"It is felt the fever is due primarily to the normal bodily reaction of absorption of the blood that was in his abdominal cavity," the doctors said in a brief medical bulletin.

The fever was controlled with antibiotics and with "aspirin-like medication," the doctors said.

"So far," they continued, "there is no indication of infection or abscesses in the abdominal cavity. Essentially, the lungs remain clear, his heart action is stable, his paralysis of the legs is unchanged."

Wallace, under sedation, slept most of the day, doctors said. He was awakened several times Wednesday night so nurses could take his temperature.

Galbraith, who has flown here from the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, said the physical therapy will help prevent blood clots in the legs.

The therapy will also keep the leg muscles from getting flabby from disuse and keep the joints supple. That will be vital if Wallace regains some use of his legs.

It will also make it easier for Wallace to learn how to move again using long leg braces and crutches if that is the case.

But mostly at this stage in the recuperative process, said one neurologist not connected with the case, therapy serves an important psychological function. "It's good for his morale. It shows that we are doing something," the doctor explained.

Wallace still faces another operation—this one expected to last three or four hours—for the removal of the bullet in his spinal canal.

If Wallace, 52, is strong enough to face this operation in the next few days, Galbraith said, it will be done at the Army's Walter Reed General Hospital.

Otherwise, Wallace will probably be moved to Alabama

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and the operation will be done at Birmingham by Galbraith, who removed a brain tumor from Wallace's mother last month.

One of the other three persons injured in Monday's shooting is still hospitalized. He is Secret Service Agent Nicholas Zarvos, who was reported in satisfactory condition at Walter Reed after being shot in the throat.

Campaign worker Dora Thompson was discharged from Holy Cross yesterday. She was shot in the leg. Capt. E. C. Bothard, chief of the Alabama State Police detail that guards Wallace, returned home Tuesday. Dothard received a flesh wound in the Monday shooting.

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## Robert Byrd Asks Death Penalty For Attempts to Kill Candidates

Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) called yesterday for the death penalty for persons who assassinate or attempt to assassinate candidates for President.

Byrd, Senate Democratic whip, told his colleagues in a speech, "A lot of these nuts are going around the country who are willing to attempt an assassination because they will be confronted only with a few years in prison.

"I'm convinced the only way to stop some of these people is to confront them with the certainty that, whether or not they are successful, they will get the death penalty."

Byrd also endorsed efforts to ban the sale or manufacture of "Saturday night spe-

cial" handguns—cheaply produced and readily available revolvers frequently used in murder attempts. A Senate subcommittee has agreed in principle to such legislation.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) announced that his House Judiciary Committee would hold hearings on gun control legislation "promptly" after Congress returns May 30 from a Memorial Day recess.

"Gun violence continues to increase and . . . the outrageous assault on Gov. George Wallace serves to underscore the urgent need for stricter federal controls on firearms," said Celler in a statement. "It is time that Congress took concrete steps to reduce gun crimes in this country."

The executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, Maxwell C. Rich, said restricting the ability to possess firearms would accomplish little toward preventing such shootings.

"When it happens you get this cry for gun control and we don't think it really relates to what we're talking about or what they're talking about: registration," Rich said.

He said the association, which claims 1 million members, favors mandatory enforcement of present laws and strong penalties for violators rather than new laws.

"We don't think total registration or elimination or confiscation of handguns is going to solve the problem," Rich added.