

Rally In Laurel



WALLACE SHOT - Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace lies in the back of a station wagon Monday after he was shot as he campaigned in Laurel, Md., in his bid for the Democratic primary vote. This photograph was made by cameraman J. A. Bowman of Laurel.-(AP Wirephoto)

Candidate Seriously Wounded

LAUREL, Md. (AP) - Alabama Gov. George Wallace was shot and gravely wounded Monday afternoon just after finishing a presidential campaign speech. Late Monday night a surgeon said "we expect the governor to make a full recovery."

However, Dr. Joseph Schanno told a news conference that there is potential for some paralysis in Wallace's lower extremities due to a bullet near the spine but this is difficult to assess now.

He added: "There is some paralysis at this time."

In the pandemonium that followed the shooting at a Laurel shopping center, a young white man identified by police as Arthur Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee was arrested after being pumelled by Wallace backers. He was quickly brought under both federal and state charges.

At 11:30 p.m., the doctor said the governor was awakening in the recovery room after about

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GROUNDED AT SHOOTING SCENE—A woman is on her knees and a man is being helped to his feet at the Laurel, Md., shopping center Monday after Gov. George C. Wallace was shot while

campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination. Both are unidentified.
(AP Wirephoto)

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Wallace's press secretary, said: "It's entirely too early for any question or answer in that regard."

He said the bleeding and "everything else is under control. Everything from the operating room is very encouraging at this time ... His blood pressure is 110, which is considered good."

Camp said the governor was conscious and talking when he went into the operating room and that Mrs. Wallace was holding up "very strongly."

Harry Stine, public relations director for the shopping center, said the governor's wife had been inside the bank.

"Mrs. Wallace was coming back upstairs from inside the bank. She was outside the bank when it happened.

"She said something like 'Oh my God!' as she ran and fell on top of him, throwing herself on him," Stine said.

Mrs. Wallace kept crying "Honey, honey" and had to be pulled from her wounded husband, Stine said.

In addition to Wallace and the Secret Service agent, an Alabama state trooper and a woman campaign worker were injured in the shooting.

Tom Burke, public affairs officer at the hospital said: "There is some indication of bleeding internally ... There was some indication of paralysis."

Burke said Wallace was talking to his wife as he was wheeled into surgery.

President Nixon telephoned Mrs. Wallace at the hospital to offer his prayers and hope for the governor's recovery. He issued a statement deploring the

"senseless and tragic incident."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, one of Wallace's two major opponents in Tuesday's primaries in Maryland and Michigan, spent an hour with Wallace's wife at the hospital.

Both Humphrey and Sen. George S. McGovern, campaigning in Michigan, cancelled all further campaign appearances.

The Secret Service agent who was shot was identified as Nicholas Zorvas. A spokesman at Leland Memorial Hospital said he had been shot through the neck. After an hour of surgery his condition was described as satisfactory.

The wounded trooper was identified as Capt. E. C. Dothard, and the woman as Dora Thompson. Doctors said Dothard and Miss Thompson were "not in too bad shape."

Mrs. George Mangum of Selma, Ala., an official of Women for Wallace, said she was standing five feet from the governor when the shooting began.

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