

Governor Bows Out

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Wallace Party Picks Schmitz

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 4 (AP)—The American Party nominated conservative Congressman John Schmitz (R-Calif.) as its presidential nominee today after Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace flatly told the party's convention by telephone he could not be its standard-bearer.

The 41-year-old Schmitz was nominated on the first ballot after Wallace asked that the movement to draft him be stopped.

"I hope you honor my re-

quest and do not draft me," Wallace told the convention. Schmitz, a member of the John Birch Society, describes the Republicans and Democrats as "the two wings of the Socialist Party."

He was defeated in a Republican primary earlier this year in his bid for re-election to the U.S. House. Schmitz claims his defeat was engineered by President Nixon, whose home district he represents.

Schmitz has been critical of the President's policies tow-

ards Mainland China and Russia and of his wage and price controls.

Wallace spoke to the convention from Birmingham, Ala., where he is recovering from gunshot wounds that have left him partially paralyzed. He was shot last May while campaigning in Laurel, Md.

The American party originated as a vehicle for Wallace's third-party bid for the presidency in 1968. Wallace

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went into this year's presidential campaign vowing he would run as a Democrat, not an independent.

Some of the delegates wept only as Wallace's voice was heard over the convention's public address system.

After hearing from the governor, the delegates unanimously adopted a resolution granting his wish, and a draft movement which prompted the call came to an abrupt halt.

The delegates cheered loudly when Wallace finished. Minutes later they were told that Arthur Bremer, the man ac-

cused of shooting Wallace at Laurel, Md., on May 15, had been convicted.

Wallace's call had left Schmitz as the candidate favored to win the nomination. Georgia Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox spoke to the convention earlier today, saying he would accept the nomination under certain conditions.

The Alabama governor, who is paralyzed in both legs as the result of the shooting, talked from his room in a Birmingham rehabilitation clinic where he is undergoing treatment. He told the delegates "I feel fairly good today. I'm in bed this afternoon but I'm

going to try to get up." He said he is still having trouble with drainage from two abdominal wounds.

Wallace said he regrets that "my physical condition is such that I cannot consider the kindness of those who wish to nominate me. . . I cannot, of course, consider accepting the nomination."

He told the convention that until he was shot he campaigned day and night "flying in all kinds of weather to all parts of the country."

He was a candidate at the time for the Democratic presidential nomination.