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Bremer Appeal Rejected

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The Maryland Court of Special Appeals refused Friday to overturn the conviction of Arthur Herman Bremer for last year's attempted assassination of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace. Bremer's lawyers said they would study the 72-page opinion before deciding whether to ask the Court of Appeals, the

state's highest tribunal, to review the case.

Bremer, 22, is confined to the Maryland penitentiary, serving a 53-year term imposed in Prince Georges County Circuit Court for shooting and wounding Wallace and three other persons at a political rally in Laurel on May 15, 1972.

A three-judge panel of the intermediate court rejected contentions that Bremer's constitutional rights had been violated by pre-trial publicity, procedural errors and state law governing the type of innocent and insanity plea he made.

The unusually lengthy opinion, written by Judge Charles E. Orth Jr., was more than three months in preparation and reportedly necessitated at least 10 conferences among the judges. Court observers say opinions normally are produced more quickly and with far fewer conferences.

The ruling said Circuit Judge Ralph Powers did not err by refusing to delay the trial because of publicity and was correct in denying a defense motion to question prospective jurors about whether they had seen a television news film of the shootings.

"Although the individual accused of crime has the right to a fair and impartial trial, the people have the right to know the facts concerning matters which affect them, and neither widespread and diverse methods of communicating such facts nor public knowledge of them necessarily derogates from a fair and impartial trial," the court said.