

In No Danger of Death WALLACE WILL STAY IN RACE

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SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — George C. Wallace, shot down at an election-eve campaign rally, today fought to regain use of his paralyzed legs but vowed to continue seeking the presidency in a wheelchair if necessary.

Doctors said Wallace is under sedation because of pain from his multiple wounds, including a bullet that remains lodged against his lower spine, but in no immediate danger of death. They wouldn't predict whether he'll walk again.

Today, President Nixon offered Wallace full facilities of Walter Reed Medical Center.

"I CAN ASSURE you Gov. Wallace is receiving the best medical care," Nixon said at the White House.

Charged with the shooting is Arthur Herman Bremer, 21, a white man who reportedly had followed the Wallace campaign for some time. He was held in \$200,000 bail today by a U.S. magistrate. His family and acquaintances in his home town of Milwaukee said they could supply no motive for the shooting.

Wallace was hit several times Monday by point-blank pistol shots fired in the midst of a crowd at a shopping center in Laurel, Md. Three others also were wounded, none critically.

Voters in Maryland and Michigan balloted today in primaries that Wallace is favored to win, thus making a high point in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

DOCTORS SAID AT 8 a.m. that Wallace had come through the night in good spirits despite his pain. "He says it hurts, and he's feeling fine," said Dr. Joseph Schanno.

Schanno listed Wallace's condition as critical. At noon a hospital spokesman said his condition was unchanged.

Wallace is in the intensive care ward of Holy Cross Hospital. A spokesman said wellwishers have sent 50 to 60 arrangements of flowers, and that Mrs. Wallace has requested that people find some other way to express their concern.

Doctors said Wallace, 52, was hit by four or five bullets. Only two lodged in his body.

One was removed from around his right shoulder. Another punctured his abdomen and lodged on his spine, causing damage to the spinal cord. That bullet was left in, though Schanno said it might be taken out later. Bullets also pierced Wallace's right forearm, grazed the back of his left shoulder blade and grazed his upper right shoulder.

"I think the governor is going to

make a recovery," Schanno said. "Now what disability he has as a result of his wounds is difficult to evaluate at this time. We're all very optimistic at this point."

Wallace's wife, Cornelia, said early today, after her husband had come through five hours of surgery, that she is optimistic. "As you know, his nature, he didn't earn the title of the 'fighting little judge' for nothing, and I expect him to continue in the same vein."

Spokesmen said Wallace intends to continue his campaign, even if he doesn't regain use of his legs. Schanno pointed out that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had been a wheelchair cripple during his years in the White House.

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Nixon, in a White House appearance to announce the resignation of Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, offered Wallace the presidential suite at Walter Reed.

He said if Wallace wishes to return to Alabama to recuperate an Air Force hospital plane will be put at his disposal.

Earlier Nixon had dispatched a White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, to aid Wallace's doctors.

Nixon said he is keeping in "close touch" with Wallace's condition. He also said Nicholas Zarvos, the wounded Secret Service man, is "substantially improved."

ZARVOS UNDERWENT 7¼ hours of surgery for a bullet wound in the neck and was described as "doing very satisfactorily" this morning.

Bremer was taken before U.S. Magistrate Clarence Goetz in Baltimore late Monday night and ordered held under \$200,000 bond on charges of shooting Wallace and a Secret Service agent, Zarvos.

Newsman recalled seeing Bremer at earlier Wallace rallies in Maryland, and one NBC-TV photograph from one of those rallies shows him wearing a button reading "Stand Up for America," a Wallace slogan. Frank Daniel, a Wallace campaign worker, said he recalled seeing Bremer or someone looking like him at a rally in Milwaukee, Wis. Police in Kalamazoo, Mich. said they questioned an Arther H. Bremer

prior to a Wallace rally there last Saturday night, but didn't detain him. They said they questioned him because someone complained that he looked suspicious.

A spokesman said doctors had wired Zarvos' teeth and repaired his trachea. He said the patient's face is badly swollen, but that he can speak, though it causes him pain to do so.

Doctors recovered one bullet from Zarvos' jaw.

Two others also were wounded, perhaps by some of the same bullets that hit Wallace.

Alabama State Police Capt. E.C. Dorthard, who also was hit, was treated for a flesh wound on his right side and released from the hospital.

Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker, suffered a leg wound and was listed in satisfactory condition in Holy Cross.

BILLY JOE CAMP, Wallace's press secretary, told newsmen today that the governor's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination will continue. Camp said Wallace himself made the decision which was relayed by Mrs. Wallace.

"He will be at the Democratic convention as a strong, viable candidate," Camp told a news conference. "He expects to win in both Maryland and Michigan."

Bremer was charged by federal authorities with violating the 1968 Civil Rights Act by assaulting a candidate for an elective office. He was charged also with assault on a federal officer, Zarvos.

Fatal assault on a federal officer carries a possible death penalty. Penalty under the civil-rights-act violation could be life imprisonment if the victim dies; otherwise maximum penalty is 10 years and \$10,000 fine.

MARYLAND authorities charged Bremer with four counts of assault with intent to kill. FBI agents said he is being held in Baltimore County jail in Towson, Md.

Wallace had just finished a 38-minute speech at the shopping center and stepped from behind his bulletproof steel lectern to shake hands with well-wishers in a supermarket parking lot.

Emmett W. Eaton, a campaign aide,

said a man in the crowd called Wallace back: "Hey, George, ain't you going to shake my hand?"

"George turned and walked toward him and that's when he was shot," Eaton said.

"I WOULD say that Gov. Wallace walked right into the man's arms," said NBC cameraman Fed Montague.

Eaton said he rushed to the fallen Wallace and began unbuttoning his shirt.

"Where did they get me?" Eaton said Wallace asked. "I told him, I didn't think it was too bad."

Mrs. Wallace rushed up and embraced her fallen husband as he lay on the pavement, his blood staining her bright yellow jacket.

WALLACE WAS placed in a station wagon and then transferred to the ambulance for the 15-minute expressway drive to Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, just outside Washington, D.C.

Witnesses said the assailant was wearing Wallace buttons and had been seen at other Wallace rallies. The crowd jumped for him spontaneously.

"He was roughed up pretty bad," one man said later.

Maryland State Atty. Arthur A. Marshall said Bremer was taken to a hospital emergency room with lacerations

on the back of his head but showed no other wounds. Bremer received two hours of X-ray tests and physical and neurological examinations.

A Justice Department spokesman in Washington said the Secret Service had recovered a .38-caliber snub-nosed revolver Monday which U.S. Atty. George Beall said was purchased by Bremer in Milwaukee last Jan. 13.

At his appearance before Goetz, Bremer declined a court-appointed attorney and said he wanted to be represented by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Beall recommended the \$200,000 bond because of "the nature and circumstances of the charges. The weight of the evidence against him is very strong."

A preliminary hearing was set for 10 a.m. May 24.

WILLIAM GULLETT, chief executive of Prince Georges County, said there was "no evidence that anyone else was involved."

President Nixon telephoned Mrs. Wallace at her husband's bedside to offer hope and prayers for Wallace's recovery. Mrs. Wallace also received a call from Ethel Kennedy, widow of Sen. Robert Kennedy, who was killed four years ago while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.