

WALLACE WON'T QUIT
STAYS IN RACE — EVEN IF PARALYZED

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Bullet Still in His Back

In Pain But Spirits High

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SILVER SPRING (Md.)

— George C. Wallace's doctors reported today he was making a remarkable recovery from at least four bullet wounds inflicted by a gunman but said "there is a possibility of permanent paralysis."

Even so, Wallace's press secretary said, the fiery little Alabama governor will continue his campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"He will campaign from a wheel chair if necessary," said Billy Joe Camp of the prospect of Wallace being paralyzed in the legs.

Wallace, with a bullet still lodged near his spine after an operation that lasted nearly five hours last night, was described as in good spirits although in pain.

Much Better

As Maryland and Michigan voters were casting ballots in Democratic presidential primaries that Wallace had been favored to win, one of the surgeons who conducted the operation at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring gave this prognosis:

"I think the governor is making a recovery . . . He looks much better . . . But I think it is wise to keep any patient with a wound of this magnitude on the critical list. No one is completely out of danger with this kind of wound for three or four days."

That was the outlook given this morning by Dr. Joseph Schanno, one of a six-man team of surgeons who performed the operation at the hospital just outside Washington.

Unchanged

But on the question of whether Wallace might have suffered permanent paralysis of his legs as a result of the principal wound — a point blank shot into his abdomen — Schanno said the situation was unchanged.

The Alabama governor was wounded by a gunman who pushed a pistol through

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a shopping-center crowd at Laurel, Md., yesterday afternoon and fired point blank. A man identified by police as Arthur Herman Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee was wrestled to the ground by members of the crowd and arrested.

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. The second, which punctured the stomach and lodged on the lower part of the spine, was left in. Bullets also pierced Wallace's right forearm, grazed the back of his left shoulder blade and grazed his upper right shoulder.

Blast Effect

Schanno said the bullet that came to rest on the spine may be removed in a later operation. It is the "blast effect" from this bullet that is blamed for Wallace's paralysis. Apparently it did not sever the spinal cord, and there is some chance that the damaged nerve tissue may heal itself, Schanno said.

"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."

"I feel very optimistic about him," Wallace's wife,

Cornelia, said after the surgery. "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."

Paralyzed

Mrs. Wallace had said earlier outside the operating room door that her husband had no feeling below the waist. Dr. James G. Galbraith, head of the neurological department at the University of Alabama, said the governor is paralyzed in both lower legs.

"The outlook cannot be predicted but it is not favorable," Galbraith said. "It would be unusual to get complete recovery under these circumstances."

But Galbraith said a bullet "has a blast effect as it goes in, but this time the bullet is not obstructing the spinal canal. There is a free flow of fluid."

Several dozen persons, some of them holding lighted candles, stood vigil outside the hospital during the operation.

\$200,000 Bond

Bremer was taken before U.S. Magistrate Clarence Goetz in Baltimore late last

night and ordered held under \$200,000 bond on charges of shooting Wallace and a Secret Service agent.

The agent, Nicholas Zarvos, underwent six hours of surgery for a bullet wound in the neck and was listed in good condition. Doctors said the bullet damaged Zarvos's voice box.

Alabama State Police Capt. E. C. Dothard, 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.

Decision

Camp said today that the governor himself made the decision to continue his campaign.

"He will be at the Democratic convention as a

strong, viable candidate," the press aide said. "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 also was charged 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 a \$10,000 fine.

Assault

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 bullet-proof steel lectern to shake hands with wellwishers 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 Fred Montague.

Elbowed

Richie Simmons, 17, said he was standing about 12 feet from Wallace when a man elbowed his way through the crowd. "He just walked right up to him and started shooting," Simmons said.

"Wallace fell on his back," said Steve Hayden, 17, a student at Laurel High. "His eyes rolled back in his head."

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.

Calmer

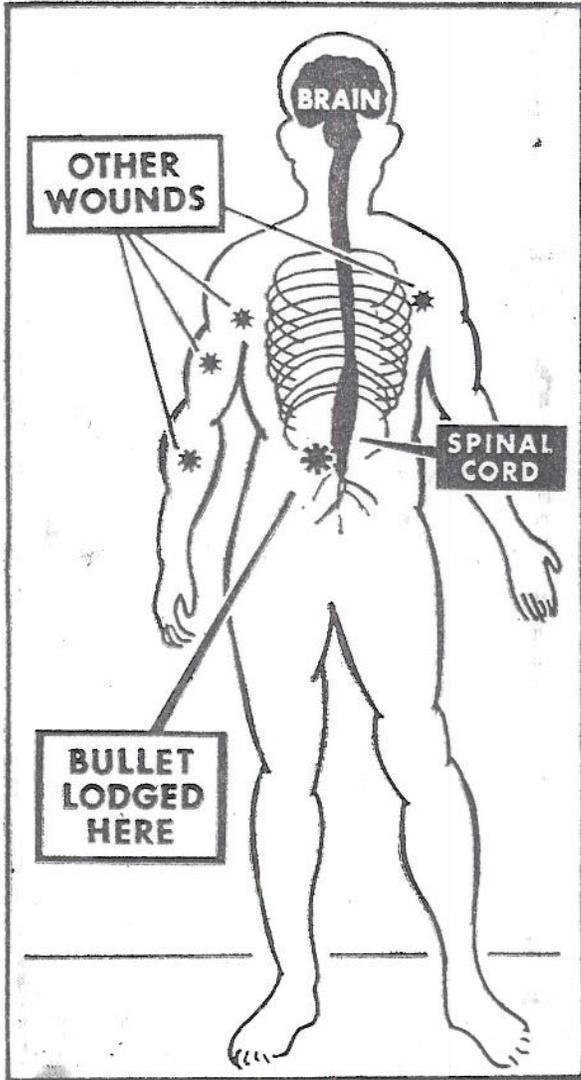
Wallace was placed in a station wagon and then transferred to the ambulance for the 15-minute ex-

pressway drive to Holy Cross Hospital.

"He was in pain," Eaton said. "But he was the calmest one in the ambulance."

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.



SHOOTING SUSPECT AT WALLACE RALLY IN KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Young man, center, identified as Arthur Bremer, applauds Alabaman

—UPI Photo

Diagram gives location of Gov. Wallace's wounds