

# Congress' Fear,

## Washington

Shock and sorrow from Democratic and Republican leaders as well as ordinary citizens followed the shooting yesterday of Alabama Governor George C. Wallace in Laurel, Md., just outside Washington.

"Oh, my God," said Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem-Minn.), Wallace's chief opponent in today's Maryland primary as he was told of the shooting by two Secret Service men who were with him as he spoke at a day care center in Baltimore.

"All I can say is that it is a bad business. It's getting so you don't know what's going to happen in our country any more in politics," Humphrey said as he suspended campaigning and went to Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., where Wallace was hospitalized.

Senator George S. McGovern (Dem-S.D.), who has been trying for an upset victory in the Maryland contest, learned of the shooting while campaigning in Kalamazoo, Mich. He is competing against Wallace in that state's primary which also will be held today.

"I'm totally shocked by this savage act. If we've gotten to the point in this country where a public figure can't speak out on the issues of the day and seek the presidency without being shot, then I tremble for the future of our nation," McGovern said at Kalamazoo Airport.

"We can only hope and pray for the speedy recovery of Governor Wallace and we can only say a prayer for our country," added McGovern as he announced he would suspend his campaigning until further notice.

The White House meanwhile announced that Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) and representative Shirley Chisholm, had accepted an offer of protection by the Secret Service.

Kennedy, who lost two brothers to assassins' bullets, has insisted that he is not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

## President's Reaction

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President Nixon called Cornelia Wallace at her husband's hospital bedside yesterday to offer his hope and prayers for the wounded candidate's recovery.

The President termed the shooting of Alabama Governor Wallace a "senseless and tragic incident" and urged Americans to stand together against the vicious threat of violence hanging over their lives.

In a statement, Mr. Nixon said, "I

ask all Americans to join me in praying for his safety and full recovery and also for all the others who were wounded in this senseless and tragic incident.

"Our nation has suffered more than enough already from the intrusion of violence into its political processes.

"We must all stand together to eliminate this vicious threat to our public life. We must not permit the shadow of violence to fall over our country again."

Reuters

Kennedy said "my heart and prayers go out to Governor Wallace and to the members of his grief-stricken family. I am saddened beyond measure that tragedy has again stained and darkened the process we use to select our political leaders."

Representative Chisholm arrived in San Francisco last night flanked by Secret Service agents and called the shooting "a very sad day for this country."

Ms. Chisholm, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, said she accepted President Nixon's offer of Secret Service protection after the shooting of the Alabama governor because "I have to consider my staff and family."

She said she was going to go ahead with her planned Northern California campaign this week, unlike Senators Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern, who announced a temporary halt in their appearances.)

### KENNEDY

Ethel Kennedy, whose husband, Senator Robert Kennedy (Dem-N.Y.), was fatally shot four years ago, called Mrs. Wallace at the hospital after learning of the shooting, according to a family spokesman.

Senator Edmund S. Muskie (Dem-Maine) said:

"I share the outrage of every citizen at this detestable attack on Governor Wallace. It is a tragedy for all of us that the peaceful operation of the democratic process

has again been interrupted by an act of violence."

Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dem-Wash.) said:

"Today's brutal assault on Governor Wallace is abhorrent to all Americans."

### 'SAVAGERY'

Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho) said:

"Sanity has given way to savagery in our politics. We must pray for the recovery of George Wallace and for an end to violence in our land."

Senator Strom Thurmond (Rep-S.C.) said:

"The attempted assassination of Governor Wallace was an unwarranted, wanton and malicious act.

"It is a sad day in this country when a candidate for public office cannot expound his views without threatened harm.

"Whether one person agrees with the philosophy of another does not warrant him to use violence, and no stone should be left unturned

to mete out justice to those who committed this dastardly assault on Governor Wallace."

### 'LUNATIC'

Senator Vance Hartke (Dem-Ind.) said:

"Another lunatic act of violence has now defaced our political landscape. The ultimate victim of this 'politics by assassination' can only be the American political system itself."

Senator Russell B. Long (Dem-La.) said:

"Governor Wallace is an-

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other victim of those who do not understand that human beings must learn to live together peacefully. It is the ballot rather than the bullet which should determine America's destiny."

Senator Hugh Scott (Rep-Pa.) said:

"I am shocked and dismayed to learn of the assault on the life of Governor Wallace. This tragedy is appalling. America was founded on five freedoms. Now, our freedom from fear has been violated."

## DISTRICT

Representative Lawrence J. Hogan (Rep-Md.), whose Congressional district includes Laurel, said he knows now "how the people of Dallas and Los Angeles and Memphis must have felt."

"On behalf of all the people of Prince Georges county in my district, I want to say how terribly disappointed and shocked we are that this terrible thing happened in our home county," Hogan said.

Maryland Governor Marvin Magdel, a Democrat, who also went to the hospital, said "it is time that we put a stop to this kind of

senseless tragedy."

Senator Philip A. Hart, a civil rights leader whose views on race relations place him at the opposite spectrum of Wallace, said

that "every decent American will be horrified by this and I join all of them in hoping fervently for the governor's recovery."

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