

Wallace's Double Win -- Maryland and Michigan

Biggest

Victory of His Career

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Governor George C. Wallace swept to an impressive double victory yesterday over Senators George S. McGovern and Hubert H. Humphrey in the Maryland and Michigan presidential primaries.

Wallace acknowledged the greatest triumph of his Democratic White House campaign with a nod and a smile from the hospital bed where he lay partially paralyzed, victim of an election eve assassination attempt.

McGovern ran second in Michigan, where he was polling 27 per cent of the vote. Humphrey took second place in Maryland, with 27 per cent.

LEAD

The Alabama governor was polling 50 per cent of the Michigan vote, with 80 per cent of the precincts counted. In Maryland, with the count nearing completion, he had 40 per cent.

At that point, Wallace was in the lead for 112 national convention nominating votes in the two states, which would push his total commitments to 322 and install him in second place.

McGovern was leading for a total of 44 to send his leading count to 402 nationally. Humphrey was leading for 29, which would put him at 270½.

GRIN

Wallace, under heavy se-

dition, awakened briefly in his hospital room in Silver Springs, Md., and his wife, Cornelia, told him of the primary victories. She relayed word that he nodded and grinned.

The twin victories were Wallace's first outside the South. And in Michigan, he won by a large margin for a traditionally liberal, industrial state that is vital to the Democratic game plan in any White House election.

He had been favored in both primaries but no one

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had forecast the margins by which he left McGovern and Humphrey behind.

Other Democratic contenders ran far back in both races.

COUNT

With 80 per cent of the Michigan precincts counted, the vote stood this way:

Wallace, 601,845 or 50 per cent.

McGovern, 324,484 or 27 per cent.

Humphrey, 200,382 or 17 per cent.

Michigan's Democratic nominating votes were apportioned among candidates winning at least 5 per cent of the vote.

In Maryland, this was the situation with 99 per cent of the precincts counted:

Wallace, 216,019 votes or 40 per cent.

Humphrey, 144,849 votes or 27 per cent.

McGovern, 118,311 votes or 22 per cent.

GOP

In yesterday's Republican balloting, President Nixon won over Representatives Paul N. McCloskey of California and John M. Ashbrook of Ohio by smashing margins.

In Michigan, with 79 per cent of the precincts report-

ing, it was:

Nixon, 243,133—95 per cent

McCloskey, 8403—3 per cent

Uncommitted, 4398—2 per cent.

In Maryland, with 99 per cent of the precincts reporting:

Nixon, 96,648—86 per cent.

McCloskey, 8876—8 per cent.

Ashbrook, 6673—6 per cent.

REACTIONS

Late last night, Humphrey, at his Washington headquarters, congratulated Wallace on the primary victories but said the results were "dwarfed in importance" by the assassination attempt.

McGovern said he was pleased with what he called "the strong second place showing" and with his share of the vote in Maryland,

where he did little campaigning.

The Wallace showing in Michigan was boosted by controversy over the busing of schoolchildren for the sake of racial balance.

In addition, Michigan voters could choose the ballot of either party and Republican crossover votes have buoyed the Wallace showing elsewhere.