

Wallace Starts Therapy; Campaigning Doubtful

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Gov. George Wallace has begun receiving physical therapy, his doctors said today. They were pessimistic about his being able to resume campaigning before the Democratic national convention in July.

The Alabama governor was said to be in good spirits, although he experienced a temperature rise described as "mild to moderate" and a slight increase in pulse rate. These were considered normal after an operation.

Meanwhile, federal authorities at Baltimore said they found presidential campaign literature for Sen. George McGovern and books about Robert F. Kennedy's assassination in the car of the man charged with shooting Wallace. It started investigators looking into the possibility that the man may have been following McGovern also.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., visited the hospital Thursday and gave Wallace's wife two Senate ash trays for the governor.

Thurmond did not see Wallace.

Doctors say one of the .38-caliber slugs that ripped into Wallace's body may leave him a cripple.

The morning medical bulletin said there is no indication of infection or abscess in the abdominal cavity.

The bulletin reported that Wallace is now receiving physical therapy. Fur-

ther details were not given, but it was assumed the treatment centered on the governor's paralyzed legs.

The bulletin also said no decision has been made for transferring Wallace to another hospital for surgery to remove the bullet lodged in his spine.

"No decision has been made as to

when or where the transfer of the governor will take place," the bulletin said.

Wallace, shot five times at close range Monday, was alert and vigorous yesterday when visited by his family

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and a few friends, but doctors attending the 52-year-old governor were becoming increasingly pessimistic about his chances of walking again.

Dr. James Galbraith, a University of Alabama neurosurgeon called to Holy Cross Hospital to attend Wallace, said his chances of ever walking again are less than even.

And if he can, Galbraith said, it will probably be only with the aid of braces.

GALBRAITH said one of the bullets which cut Wallace down in a nearby Laurel, Md., shopping center is wedged between two vertebrae, jutting into the bony canal that shields the spinal cord.

The bullet didn't shatter any part of the spine, but the shock of its impact caused the present paralysis, Galbraith said.

The doctor told newsmen the shock might wear off, but the longer Wallace goes without feeling in his legs the worse are his chances for recovery.

He said surgery to remove the remaining slug will be performed in an-

other week or 10 days and that it will be a full three months or more before Wallace can recover to whatever extent possible.

Galbraith said Wallace won't be able to get around, even in a wheelchair, for four to six more weeks. This probably will rule out any campaign appearances until shortly before the July 10 Democratic National Convention, if not altogether.

The pessimism was shared by Dr. Edgar Berman, a retired Baltimore surgeon who helped organize the team that performed the initial surgery Monday, who said "the bulk of the indications" point to permanent paralysis.

Berman agreed with a third doctor's statement, however, that it will take the exploratory surgery to determine precisely the extent of the spinal injury.

WALLACE, meanwhile, was reported eagerly reading newspaper reports of his twin victories Tuesday in the Maryland and Michigan primaries.

His aides have said that he wants to continue campaigning, in a wheelchair if need be.