

Investigators Say Bremer Was at 'End of His Rope'

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BALTIMORE, May 18—Arthur Herman Bremer, the 21-year-old former Milwaukee busboy who is accused of shooting Gov. George C. Wallace, was portrayed today as tired, hungry and down to his last \$2 by the time he reached the Maryland shopping center where the Governor was struck down Monday afternoon.

Sources close to the investigation said today that Mr. Bremer was on the road for several days before the shooting and appeared to have reached "the end of his rope" in his dogged pursuit of the Wallace campaign.

Mr. Wallace remained at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., today, still paralyzed from the hips down but beginning a program of physical therapy. [Details on Page 43.]

The suspect, who is being held in the Baltimore County jail under \$200,000 bond, has reportedly told investigators that he did not eat for several days and was sleeping in his ramshackle automobile for several nights before the shooting.

He also said that his car repeatedly broke down on his long drive over the weekend from Kalamazoo, Mich., where the Alabama Governor addressed a rally Saturday, to the shopping center in Laurel, Md., where the shooting took place, the sources said.

In addition to the .38-caliber snub-nosed revolver found at the shooting scene, the Prince Georges County police have discovered hidden in Mr. Bremer's car a Browning 9-mm. automatic pistol equipped with a wooden stock and a clip of ammunition.

The discovery of the second weapon was disclosed today

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when the county police filed a report of their search of the car with the court in Upper Marlboro, Md. Police sources declined to say exactly where the gun had been found, but they confirmed that the police had dismantled most of the car in the search.

The seats, tires and other parts of the car were laid out neatly under a canvas cover this afternoon in a lot behind the police academy in Forrestville, Md., where the search was conducted.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service examined the interior of the car Tuesday but apparently did not discover the second weapon.

An F.B.I. report of the contents of the Bremer car, filed in United States District Court here, said that agents had discovered copies of "R.F.K. Must Die," and "Sirhan," both books about Sirhan B. Sirhan, the former Palestinian refugee who was convicted of the 1968 assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The books were checked out of the Milwaukee Public Library by Mr. Bremer on May 5.

"R.F.K. Must Die," by Robert B. Kaiser, gives Sirhan's account of the Kennedy shooting and alleges that the assassination was the result of a conspiracy.

Federal investigators here said that, on the basis of the contents of Mr. Bremer's car, it appeared that he lived in the car perhaps as long as two weeks.

Several pillows and blankets were found in the back seat, along with a wash cloth and towel, an electric razor, toilet kit, and a suitcase and a garment bag filled with several changes of clothes.

In addition to a George Wallace campaign poster found on the rear floor of the car, several Republican campaign buttons were scattered about the interior.

McGovern Flyer Found

A George McGovern campaign flyer was found on the outside of the left windshield, apparently under the wiper blade. Investigators here said that the flyer might have been put there while Mr. Bremer was attending the Wallace rally in Laurel.

They specifically said they had "no evidence whatsoever" that Mr. Bremer might have been stalking Senator McGovern or any of the other Presidential candidates.

The car also yielded a variety of road maps and travel guides of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Turnpikes, a Rand-McNally road atlas and a tour guide to motels on the Ohio Turnpike.

On the floor behind the front

seat, covered by a hand towel, the agents found a Westinghouse tape recorder and a portable radio, equipped with a special band to pick up police broadcasts. They also discovered a pair of powerful binoculars and three clips for an automatic pistol.

A film developing kit and empty film canisters were found in the back seat of the car. Mr. Bremer's friends in Milwaukee have reported that photography is one of his hobbies.

Bob Dylan Record

The agents also found a copy of his birth certificate, several notebooks, a clipboard, some song books and a Bob Dylan record album, "The Times Are Changin'."

One investigator described the car's interior as a "real squirrel's nest, the home away from home for somebody who looks like he's been on the road for a very long time."

While upwards of 200 F.B.I. agents have continued their efforts to reconstruct the movements and motivations that led Bremer to the Laurel Shopping Center last Monday, the young suspect has been held under close Federal guard in the Baltimore County jail in Towson, a suburb of Baltimore.

He has been visited by his court-appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz of Baltimore, and yesterday by his father, William Bremer, and his younger brother, Roger.

Reliable sources said that Mr.

Bremer at first refused to see his father when he arrived at the prison yesterday but changed his mind after a talk with Mr. Lipsitz.

Prison sources said that Mr. Bremer's mood had been alternately subdued and angry. At times he has refused to speak with his jailers and at other points he has railed at them and spat on anyone who came near him, they said.

The sources said that he became incensed Tuesday afternoon when a doctor he had requested failed to appear immediately. Mr. Bremer knocked his cell furniture against the bars, the sources said.

Mr. Bremer is being kept in an ordinary 8-by-10-foot cell in the main section of the three-story jail, constructed in 1957 to serve as an office building.