

# Nixon Pays Visit To Gov. Wallace

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon visited Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace today at Holy Cross Hospital and said the governor, convalescing from gun wounds, looks very alert.

"He has not been depressed by this terrible event," Nixon said of his visit to the governor's bedside. The President told reporters after the meeting

that the main topic of conversation was Nixon's upcoming trip to Russia and the health of the governor.

Wallace was gunned down late Monday at a rally in Laurel, Md. He was taken to the hospital, in Silver Spring, Md., for treatment.

Nixon said he offered to brief Wallace after he returned from his summit meeting with Soviet Union leaders.

"HE WISHED me well," Nixon said, referring to the forthcoming summit.

Nixon said he did not want to comment on the physical condition of Wallace but would leave that up to the doctors. But mentally, he said, the governor seemed, "very alert." Nixon said he had a good talk with Wallace.

Nixon said he reiterated his offer to let Wallace stay at the presidential suite at nearby Walter Reed Hospital. Nixon said the governor told him that he might at a later time but he was eager to get back to Alabama.

The President, returning to Washington today from Camp David, the presidential mountaintop retreat in Maryland, ordered his helicopter to land at Walter Reed. He then was taken by auto to Holy Cross Hospital.

NIXON QUOTED Wallace as saying he had difficulty getting enough sleep. "The trouble is they keep turning me over," Nixon quoted the governor as saying.

Wallace is undergoing physical ther-

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# Wallace 'Doesn't Need Legs to Speak Out'

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — In his wife's eyes, George C. Wallace is a scrapper who may walk again just because his doctors tell him there isn't much chance of it, but who "doesn't need a pair of legs to use his mind or speak out and say the things people want to hear."

"The thing about George," said Cornelia Wallace, "is that he must have a challenge and what God has given him is the challenge of his life."

Already he has begun to meet it, Mrs. Wallace told The Associated Press in an interview. And if the final verdict from his doctors is a probable lifetime of paralysis, she said, "he will take that as a challenge to show them they're wrong."

The 52-year-old Alabama governor, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, was shot down in an assassination attempt at Laurel, Md., on the eve of Maryland's presidential primary.

He won that election Tuesday and the Michigan primary the same day. But a .38-caliber pistol bullet which struck his spine left him, temporarily at least, without the use of his legs.

The operation to remove that bullet will probably come in a week to 10 days, doctors said Thursday, but it will be at least two or three months before Wallace is able to get around much.

Dr. James Galbraith, University of Alabama neurosurgeon on the medical team, said Wallace was "resting well and feeling a little better" Thursday.

Wallace volunteers opened an office in Holy Cross Hospital where he is being cared for to handle the deluge of mail and flowers. The bouquets, however, became so numerous that they asked area florists not to deliver any more.

Arthur Herman Bremer, 21, who is accused of shooting Wallace, remains under tight security at the Baltimore County Jail in Towson, Md. Bremer is charged with four

counts of assault with intent to kill and is being held under \$200,000 bond.

Mrs. Wallace, 33, who was married to the governor two weeks before his inauguration in January 1971, said she feels her husband's fierce determination will help him overcome his disability. But if he

doesn't, she said, "his voice is not stilled, and he can continue to carry a message to the people who want to have a voice in government."

Mrs. Wallace said doctors already have begun therapy on Wallace's legs and "they say the pace of his recovery is remarkable."

## Market Summary

The New York stock market made another sharp gain today in moderate trading.

At a close of 961.54, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.31.

Analysts said the market's strength could be attributed to favorable anticipation of next week's Moscow summit meeting and to encouraging economic news.

In the background, new durable goods orders rose in April from the March pace.

The Labor Department said average weekly earnings rose slightly in April from March.

On the Chicago Board of Trade, wheat futures were mostly higher, corn mixed, oats lower and soybeans higher.

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apy for his legs, at least temporarily paralyzed by a bullet that struck his spine.

Doctors say that the reason for turning patients over in bed is to relieve pressures, help circulation and to make certain that muscles are exercised.

Nixon arrived at the hospital at 9:01 a.m., and left about 45 minutes later.

Nixon told reporters that Wallace's

reactions were "extremely fast."

"YOU WOULD think he was in for a tonsillectomy," the President said.

Nixon said that, with all the suffering that Wallace has gone through, he probably would not have survived if he had not a strong will to live.

"The most important thing is that nothing has happened to his head or heart," said Nixon. The President also said he talked with Mrs. Wallace and had commended her for holding up so well.