

Potential Assailants Reported At Two Earlier Wallace Rallies

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 19—Capt. E. C. Dothard, the Alabama state trooper who was wounded Monday with Gov. George C. Wallace, disclosed today that persons suspected as would-be attackers were either arrested or chased away from two earlier political rallies in Maryland.

Captain Dothard, who has been chief security aide to the Governor since 1968, said a man with a gun was arrested at a Baltimore rally on May 6 while another person, believed to have been with him, ran from the police.

A few days later, Captain Dothard said a man was seen with an open knife at a rally in Frederick, Md., but he also escaped.

The officer said that he knew no details of the cases, although the Governor was aware the incidents had taken place. "It was handled locally," he said.

Despite the incidents, Captain Dothard said it appeared to him that the tension at Wallace rallies this year had been "very little, compared to 1968."

Memory Is Hazy

Captain Dothard, who was shot in the stomach Monday, said that he remembered hearing "five shots" but that his memory after that became hazy. He said that he had never seen the man identified as Arthur Herman Bremer, the

suspected assailant, at previous Wallace rallies.

"In looking back," Captain Dothard said, "I don't see that we could have changed any security arrangements that would have made anything better."

He said he had concluded that security was "impossible in a crowd, especially in an outdoor situation."

Captain Dothard said that Mr. Wallace "never seemed to worry about security and it didn't keep him from campaigning the way he wanted to." He added that Mr. Wallace "didn't ever like the idea of the bullet-proof podium" that his security aides asked him to use at major speeches.