

Wallace Shooting

Quick Start in Bremer Trial

Upper Marlboro, Md.

With a jury quickly picked to hear his case, former Milwaukee busboy Arthur H. Bremer was identified yesterday as the gunman who left Alabama Governor George C. Wallace partially paralyzed in an attempt on his life May 15.

As the trial on state charges against Bremer got off to a fast start, three witnesses identified the defendant, but three others failed.

One who identified him was Corporal Michael M. Landrum of the Prince George's county police, who told of wrestling Bremer to the ground at a Laurel, Md., shopping center after the shooting.

One witness who picked him from among spectators in the crowded courtroom was Mabel Kathleen Spiegel.

As she saw him in a fourth-row seat, walked to his side and placed her hand on his head, prosecutor Arthur Marshall asked, "Is anything different about him today?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Spiegel. "He has a beard."

CAMERAMAN

The other witness who picked Bremer out of the crowd was CBS cameraman Laurens Pierce, who testi-

fied he had seen Bremer at other Wallace rallies and was sure he had seen him at an earlier rally in Wheaton just a few hours before the Alabama governor was shot.

Among those who were unable to pick Bremer out as Wallace's assailant was Mrs. Spiegel's husband, Ross, a crane operator. Similarly, neither Gilbert R. Saunders, a Wallace campaign worker, nor his wife was able to identify him.

A jury of six men and six women was picked in the morning in just an hour and 15 minutes. Bremer, wearing dark trousers, a dark shirt and a yellow - striped tie, sat solemnly with his attorneys through the proceedings.

HAIR

At one point, he told an excused prospective juror "thank you" for having told Judge Ralph W. Powers he had been biased by "the news media coverage" of the shooting. The blond defendant, who has let his hair grow since his arrest, smiled frequently and occasionally twisted back and fourth in his chair.

Heavy security was in evidence in the courtroom and throughout the county courthouse.

Bremer, 21, has pleaded not guilty on grounds of insanity to charges of attempting to murder Wallace and three others in the shooting incident that left the Alabama governor partially paralyzed.

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