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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. AP -The prosecution rested its case against Arther Herman Bremer on Tuesday with testimony from an experienced criminal psychiatrist that while Bremer was "mixed up," he was legally sane when Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons were wounded May 15 at a Laurel, Md., shopping center.

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"I formed an opinion that he was suffering from a mental disorder, that he was a schizoid personality with some paranoid and psychopathic features," said Dr. Jonas Rappoport, the chief psychiatrist for Baltimore's courts.

"I believe this disorder did not impair his ability to appreciate the criminality of his act or to conform his act to the law," Rappoport said, testifying in the language of the legal definition of sanity in Maryland.

Rappoport was one of two prosecution psychiatrists telling the jury they had examined the 21-year-old suspect and considered him legally responsible for the bullets which left Wallace partially paralyzed.

Their testimony came after Dr. Shelia Hafter Gray, a defense psychiatrist, said outside the presence of the jury that she had examined Bremer and found him to be a schizophrenic--a more serious disorder than schizoid personality--and considered him legally insane at the time of the attempted assassination.

The psychiatric testimony from the prosecution witnesses painted a picture of Bremer as a lonely, distrustful, fearful person afraid to relate to others and a young man who at one point in his life considered killing a large group of people in Milwaukee and then committing suicide.

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"He had an elaborate plan of killing a large number of people," Rappoport said. "His major plan was to go downtown and stand on a bridge and open fire with, I believe, a 90mm gun."

The doctor said Bremer planned to kill as many people as possible and then turn the gun on himself. In addition, he said, the defendant also planned to tie a rope around his neck and leap, drowning in the river if the bullets or hanging failed to kill him.

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Rappeport, who did not say when this incident took place in Bremer's life, told the jury that the defendant went to a restaurant "for his last meal. The waitress was very nice to him. She smiled at him, and he decided not to do it."

Defense attorney Benjamin Lipsitz asked Rappeport if he felt Bremer was mentally sick.

"I believe he has a mental disorder, a personality disorder—that he is a very mixed up person," the doctor said, but he held to his position that Bremer's mental troubles did not make him legally insane.

The jury will have to settle the conflicting psychiatric claims as it decides whether to accept Bremer's plea of innocent by reason of insanity to various state charges of gun law violation and assault in connection with shooting of Wallace and three other persons.

Arthur A. Marshall Jr., the Prince Georges County state's attorney, said his case rested after Rappeport's testimony, but the prosecutor said he may call other witnesses after defense psychiatrists make their appearances before the jury.

The other prosecution psychiatrist, Dr. William Fitzpatrick of Baltimore, said he found Bremer to be cooperative, above average in intelligence but "a person who is scornful of everyone else.

"He expressed scorn for his family, the police, anyone who got in his way," Fitzpatrick testified.

"I found him to be a person who is a loner," the doctor continued.

"My opinion is that on that day May 15 he had the capacity—that is, he did not lack the capacity—to realize the criminality of his act or to conform his act to the law."

Rappeport said that when he examined Bremer, "he Bremer felt he was a failure."

The doctor said normal people do not feel this way and he said he believes Bremer needs psychiatric treatment.

Earlier, Dr. James G. Olsson, a clinical psychologist from Baltimore, described Bremer as "quite a schizoid individual with a self-centered, grandiose view of himself. Mr. Bremer feels alienated from society and harbors much resentment against his family, and people in general.

"He needs to be recognized by others, and he depends on them for feeling good about himself. He fears close involvement with people...because he feels rejection."

Olsson quoted Bremer as calling his mother "crazy," and Rappeport described Bremer's family life as "disorganized and disruptive."

Rappeport said that when he examined Bremer at the Baltimore County Jail in Towson, Md., the defendant described the lockup as "the happiest home I've ever had."

In her testimony for the defense, Dr. Gray said she diagnosed Bremer as a "latent schizophrenic" after examining him for five hours on July 15 and July 22 in his special cell at the Prince Georges County Jail.

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. AP -A defense psychiatrist testified Tuesday that she examined Arthur Herman Bremer and concluded he was legally insane on May 15, the day he is accused of attempting to assassinate Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

Dr. Shelia Hafter Gray of Chevy Chase, Md. said she diagnosed Bremer as a "latent schizophrenic" after examining him for five hours on July 15 and July 22 in his special cell at the Prince Georges County jail.

"He lacked substantial capacity to either appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirement of the law," Dr. Gray testified.

Bremer has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to 17 charges arising from the shooting of Wallace and three other persons.

Dr. Gray appeared Tuesday in the absence of the jury in order to establish doubt about Bremer's sanity so that the prosecution could call psychiatric witnesses. Judge Ralph W. Powers ruled that this doubt had been raised and ordered the jury returned.

The prosecution concluded presentation of factual evidence Tuesday.

FBI agents testified that laboratory tests were unable to link Bremer with the gun and bullets allegedly used in the attempted assassination of Wallace.

Appearing on the second day of Bremer's trial in Prince Georges County Circuit Court, the FBI men said they found no identifiable fingerprints on the .38-caliber revolver retrieved during the postshooting confusion at the Laurel, Md. shopping center, the scene of the shooting.

The prosecution witnesses also said ballistics tests could not prove conclusively that the gun in evidence fired the bullets which left Wallace paralyzed and the other three injured.

Thurman R. Williams, an FBI fingerprint examiner, said he found two partial prints on the side and barrel of the revolver but determined "they were of no value" for identification. Under cross-examination, he was asked if he found Bremer's prints on the gun.

A- "No, sir."

Q- "You found no prints of Arthur Bremer on the five cartridges found in the revolver submitted to you?"

A- "No, sir."

The three other persons injured—Secret Service Agent Nicholas Zarvos, Alabama State Police Capt. E.C. Dothard and Wallace volunteer Dora Thompson—testified concerning their injuries.

Robert A. Frazier from the FBI laboratory, testified the he could not conclusively say that the slugs removed from the victims were fired from the gun in evidence.

He also said that paraffin tests taken from Bremer's hands by county detectives several hours after the 4 p.m. shootings had failed under neutron activation tests to show residues of barium or antimony normally present from casts taken from a person having recently fired a gun.

Frazier added, however, that such residues could have been removed by rubbing or washing and a subsequent prosecution witness, Dr. Terence A. McGuire, said he washed Bremer's hands with surgical soap shortly after 5 p.m. while treating the former busboy and school janitor for a scalp cut.

Mrs. Thompson, walking on crutches because her right leg was fractured by a .38-caliber bullet, said she saw Wallace cut down by a volley of gunfire but didn't realize until later that she was wounded.

Zarvos, speaking in a near whisper because of a paralyzed vocal cord from a bullet, said he was behind and to the side of Wallace as the candidate shook hands in the crowd.

"All at once, gunfire came out and on about the third or fourth shot I was hit in the throat," the Secret Service agent said.

"About that instant, I saw him Wallace fall on the ground," Zarvos said. "I reeled away and was assisted by another agent."

Bremer appeared in court without the beard he sported Monday. He had been clean shaven in all earlier appearances before the trial.