

Bremer Target Nixon or Wallace'

UPPER MARLBORO (Md.) — (UPI) — A psychoanalyst told a hushed courtroom today that Arthur Bremer decided about March 1 to assassinate either President Nixon or George Wallace — and then crisscrossed the country in pursuit of that goal.

It was two and a half months later that Bremer, 21, was arrested after the shooting of the Alabama governor at a Laurel, Md., shopping center.

The psychoanalyst, Dr. Eugene Brody, chairman of the psychiatry department at the University of Mary-

land Medical School, was the first defense witness as Bremer's trial entered its third day.

Brody described his interview with Bremer three weeks after the May 15 shooting. He said Bremer became progressively more alienated after losing his

girl friend in January — the only person he felt he ever had a close relationship with.

Bremer then fluctuated between homicidal and suicidal tendencies, Brody said, his personal stress apparent.

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ly ending about March 1 when he made his decision to murder either Nixon or Wallace.

Brody said Bremer's pursuit of his goal was "impulsive and erratic," with the former Milwaukee busboy showing great attention to detail on some minor points while missing seemingly obvious major points. For example, Brody said, Bremer took his automobile through a carwash to eliminate the odor of gunpowder so that police dogs would not be alerted.

Forgot It Was Loaded

But, Brody said, he went through Canadian customs tracking Nixon to Ottawa, carrying a .38 caliber revolver in his pocket and completely forgetting that he had loaded the gun so that he fired it accidentally in a motel room.

"Mr. Bremer was suffering from schizophrenia on May 15," Brody added.

Brody said Bremer told him he had fantasized about "being a big shot, perhaps because I am small."

Brody said he asked Bremer if he was referring to his stature.

Bremer answered, "No, my future is small. My past an insult to any human being."

Suicidal Mood

Brody acknowledged that at times Bremer wanted to commit suicide — by throwing himself under a train — but said he did this out of a feeling of inability to relate to others and not depression.