

## Defense Rests Cast in Bremer Trial

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP)—The defense rested its case in the trial of Arthur H. Bremer today after reading to a hushed jury a step-by-step account of how Bremer planned and failed to assassinate President Nixon in Ottawa, Canada.

Bremer did not testify in his defense, but his father, William Bremer, appeared briefly in Prince Georges County Circuit Court. He discussed how he became blind in one eye at age 9 but was not asked anything about his son.

As Bremer buried his head in his arms, Benjamin Lipsitz, his attorney, read page after page from Bremer's diary that told of his failure to get into the hotel where he thought Nixon would be staying, his failure to get into the airport where the President was to

land and finally, his failure to get off a shot as the President's car rushed by.

The diary related that Bremer, the accused assailant of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, had only a glimpse of Nixon as the President's motorcade from the airport sped by on the way into Ottawa during a visit in April.

"HE WENT by before I knew it," Bremer wrote in the diary.

"A dark silhouette rushed by in a black car.

"All over.

"I had missed it. The best chance to get him was over."

Lipsitz, who had read the first 35 pages of the 114-page diary at a late night session Wednesday, picked up where he left off as the trial on state charges entered its fourth day today.

Bremer has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to 17 charges stemming from the shooting of Wallace and three other persons at a Laurel, Md. political rally May 15.

Lipsitz is reading the entire diary to the jury, apparently hoping it will

two guns in his car.

THE DOCUMENT related that once Bremer got to Ottawa he asked for the finest hotel and tried to get a room there.

"At the best place in Ottawa, I thought Nixon would be staying there.

efforts the next day to find out where Nixon would be arriving and how he would come into the city.

He discovered through news reports the motorcade route into town and "drove up and down it to get familiar with it."

FEARFUL THAT metal detectors would be used at the airport, Bremer wrote of his efforts to find a place to conceal his gun.

He considered his rubber boot, but abandoned that idea. "Wouldn't it look funny me bending over to touch my boot as the President spoke," he wrote.

As the time for Nixon's arrival approached, Bremer said he went to the military airport where Nixon was to land but, to his disappointment, guards at the gate would not let him in.

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back up his contention that Bremer is legally insane and not responsible for his actions.

Excerpts from the diary read today went into great detail about Bremer's trip from Milwaukee to Ottawa with

I wanted to be close to him and live it up in the last few days," the diary said.

The hotel was full, however, and Bremer had to look elsewhere for a room.

He wrote in his diary extensively of

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"From the very beginning of this plan, I intended to get him at the airport speaking to a happy throng," the diary read.

With his attempt to get in the airport thwarted, Bremer spent two hours driving up and down the road Nixon's motorcade was to travel into Ottawa.

"SURPRISED I wasn't stopped and questioned with my strange yellow American license plate and my easily identifiable blue Rambler," an entry in the diary noted.

Bremer eventually stopped and asked a policeman for a good place to

watch the President go by. He was directed to a nearby abandoned gas station where a number of other cars had already gathered.

There was a young policeman on duty at the station, and Bremer noted in his diary: "Fantasy of killing Nixon while shooting right over that cop's shoulder."

As the time approached for the motorcade to arrive, Bremer wrote that he wondered that as the people rushed to see the President, "would the assassin get a good view?"

During a 13½-hour session Wednesday, Lipsitz put two psychiatrists and a psychologist on the stand.