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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. AP —Arthur Herman Bremer was found guilty Friday of the attempted assassination of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and was sentenced to 63 years in prison.

The jury of six men and six women took only 95 minutes to find Bremer sane and decide his fate. The 21-year old former busboy and school janitor from Milwaukee, Wis., heard the verdict impassively.

Asked by Judge Ralph W. Powers if he had anything to say before sentencing, Bremer recalled that the prosecutor told the jurors they were responsible for protecting the world from persons such as the defendant.

"But in my defense, I surely would have liked it if society had protected me from myself. That's all I have to say," said Bremer, who had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to charges stemming from the May 15 shooting that left Wallace partially paralyzed and three other persons wounded.

After the court proceeding Bremer was whisked to the Maryland Penitentiary some 50 miles away.

Bremer arrived there about 4:45 p.m. EDT and was placed in a single cell with no special guard, according to corrections officer Lt. Albert Taylor.

The cell is located in the hospital area of the penitentiary's reception center, where all persons convicted of state offenses are taken for classification and later assignment to one of the state's corrections centers, he said.

Meanwhile, federal authorities, who have charged Bremer under the 1968 Civil Rights Act for the attempted assassination of a national political candidate, were not available for comment Friday night.

Bremer's federal trial has been postponed indefinitely pending the outcome of the state proceeding.

Powers imposed maximum 15-year consecutive sentences for assaulting Wallace with intent to murder and for using a .38-caliber revolver to commit a felony. Three years were imposed for transporting the firearm.

In addition, the judge meted out 10-year terms for each pair of assault and firearm utilization charges as applied to the other victims: Secret Service agent Nicholas Zarvos, Capt. E.C. Dothard of the Alabama State Police and Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign volunteer from Hyattsville, Md.

The prosecution said the maximum sentence could have totaled 123 years.

Bremer would be eligible for parole after serving one-quarter, or slightly under 16 years of his sentence.

The defense lawyer, Benjamin Lipsitz, said no decision had been made on either an appeal or a motion for a new trial.

Bremer, who still faces federal charges relating to the shooting of Wallace and Zarvos at a political rally at a Laurel, Md., shopping center, was whisked from the Prince Georges County Circuit courtroom under heavy security. The State Corrections Department will decide which penal institution he will be confined in.

After the verdict and before the sentencing the defendant's father, William Bremer, 68, said: "Maryland justice really rolls. There could be only one decision. The boy was sick."

During the four and a half day trial, there was little dispute that Bremer was the gunman in Laurel.

Among the first witnesses called by Arthur A. Marshall Jr., the county state's attorney, were two witnesses who identified Bremer as the gunman. The defendant was sitting among 100 spectators and was wearing a beard he had grown since his arrest and then shaved before the second day of the trial.

Supporting these eyewitnesses was about four minutes of CBS news film taken by photographer Laurens Pierce showing Bremer in the crowd around Wallace and a gun firing from the defendant's direction.

The real battle developed over Bremer's sanity and the conflicting expert opinions of psychiatrists called by Marshall and Lipsitz, the court appointed counsel from Baltimore.

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — Take 2 Bremer Trial Bjt NL, a247: Baltimore
 There was a medical consensus from the witness stand that Bremer was mentally troubled. Defense psychiatrists insisted he was a schizophrenic who could not, as the law states, either appreciate the criminality of his actions or conform his conduct to legal requirements.

Prosecution doctors differed, saying the defendant had a less severe disorder—a schizoid personality—and was fully able to govern his conduct.

Part of the defense case consisted of reading portions of a diary Bremer started in April in which he told how he unsuccessfully stalked President Nixon and finally decided to assassinate Wallace instead.

A defense psychiatrist, Dr. Eugene Brody, testified that Bremer's decision to kill was a catharsis which served to pull him out of an absolutely severe personality crisis that resulted early this year from his rejection by a 16-year old Milwaukee girl—the only girl with whom Bremer ever attempted to establish a personal relationship.

In closing arguments Friday, Bremer was alternately described by Lipsitz as an insane "creep" and by Marshall as a calculating, rational person.

Marshall told the jury it had "the responsibility to tell the world that people like Arthur Herman Bremer can't capitalize on the fame and fortune of others."

His conviction, the prosecution said, could change "the opinion in this nation and the world that we are a lawless nation."

Marshall argued that Bremer coolly and methodically plotted to kill the political figures to achieve notoriety and financial gain by selling his diary.

Lipsitz, once referring to Bremer as "that creep over there," insisted the evidence proved Bremer was a legally insane, twisted man compelled to violence he was powerless to stop.

"He understands it's wrong on an intellectual level but it's meaningless on a gut level," Lipsitz said.

"He has no emotional feeling," the attorney continued.

"He can't cope with the world...he wants to kill you, and he can't stop himself. He wants to do things that result in death and destruction and he's powerless to do anything about it."

Lipsitz told the jury that even an acquittal on the basis of insanity would result in Bremer being confined to a state mental institution where, the lawyer said, the doctors would "have a party with him for 100 years."

The defense attorney unsuccessfully urged the jury to have at least a reasonable doubt about Bremer's sanity.

Marshall said the case dealt with "the rights of a famous person to walk the streets free of fear of people like that one at that table who wants to exploit him...for fame and personal wealth."

Marshall told them to ignore defense attempts to paint Bremer as a "poor, odd, weird, strange" person whose problems were caused in his infancy by his mother.

The prosecutor said the details and statements in the diary showed clearly Bremer knew what the law was and that he would be arrested.

"He knew he would be on trial," Marshall said. "This is his moment of glory. I think he's unhappy he didn't kill Governor Wallace. Now he's only a second-rate assassin, not a first rate assassin."

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UPPER MARLBORO, Md. AP - The six men and six women who convicted Arthur Bremer on Friday ate a 45-minute lunch of hot roast beef sandwiches before taking only one vote to decide the defendant was guilty, the foreman said.

Vincent M. Telli, the 49-year-old foreman, said after the verdict that the panel was unanimous about Bremer's guilt and about his sanity when he attempted to assassinate Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace May 15.

"I polled them twice to make sure," reported Telli, a civilian employe of the U.S. Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. "No one was hesitant at all."

After hearing nearly five days of testimony and arguments, the jurors returned the verdict 95 minutes after retiring.

Telli, a father of two from Oxon Run Hills, Md., said the panel did not view in the jury room CBS news film showing the shooting of Wallace and three others.

"We decided we didn't have to see it again," he said.

Telli said one of the factors convincing him of Bremer's sanity and guilt was the diary in which the 21-year-old Milwaukee man detailed plans to kill President Nixon and, when that plot failed, Wallace.

"If he can write something like this, he must be coherent," the foreman said.

The diary was introduced by the defense.

Regarding the lengthy and conflicting psychiatric testimony, he stated: "There were so many big words. Medical witnesses couldn't agree themselves. In some cases, they were so evasive you had to use your horse sense."

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