

63-Year Sentence

Bremer Starts Prison Term

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — Arthur H. Bremer, characterized by both prosecution and the defense as mentally ill, has been found guilty of wounding Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons.

He was sentenced to 63 years in prison in connection with the outburst of violence at a Wallace political rally at a Laurel, Md., shopping center.

Bremer was quickly hustled from the Prince Georges County courtroom to the Maryland State Penitentiary in Baltimore at the close of his

five-day trial Friday.

He still is under indictment on federal charges arising from the shooting which left Wallace partially paralyzed.

BREMER WILL be eligible for parole on the state charges in February 1988, after he has served one fourth of his sentence.

The jury of six men and six women spent only 1½ hours, including 45 minutes for lunch, to find that the state had proved that while Bremer was emotionally ill, he was not insane under Maryland law.

Bremer sat quietly with just

a touch of a smile on his lips as jury foreman Vincent M. Telli read verdicts of guilty on the nine counts left standing against him.

Bremer, asked by Judge Ralph W. Powers if he had anything to say, noted that State's Atty. Arthur A. Marshall had told the jury it had a duty to protect the world from persons such as himself.

"**BUT IN** my defense, I surely would have liked it if society had protected me from myself. That's all I have to say," the 21-year-old former Milwaukee, Wis., busboy said.

The defendant's father, William Bremer, the only member of the family in Maryland for the trial, was in line trying to get into the courtroom when the verdict was read. He learned of the decision when someone rushed by and spread the word.

The elder Bremer then made his way into the courtroom and, in tears, told newsmen, "Maryland justice really rolls."