

Notes on People

Wallace Believes His Assailant Did Not Act Alone

Gov George C. Wallace of Alabama said here yesterday that although he couldn't prove it, he believed that Arthur H. Bremer, the man who shot him two years ago, did not act alone.

"If I ever get to the bottom of this, I don't think he was a loner," the paralyzed Governor said during a taping of the "Today" show and "Not for Women Only" at the studios of the National Broadcasting Company.

Asked whether Mr. Bremer could have been connected to any of the Watergate conspirators, specifically G. Gordon Liddy, and, if so, whether President Nixon was aware of such alleged association, Mr. Wallace replied: "I never would imply that the President of the country knew anything about it. I

have no evidence presented to me that would connect anybody to Bremer."

A bronze bust of Sir Rudolf Bing has joined the likenesses of other musical greats in the Founders' Hall at the Metropolitan Opera House. Sir Rudolf, who served as general manager of the Met from 1950 to 1972, was captured in bronze by Betti Richards, the sculptor of portrait bust of Mozart and Wagner that are also in the opera house. The Bing bust joins those of Caruso, Toscanini, Walter, Bjoerling, McCormack, Marlon Anderson and other notables in Met history.

The Vatican denied yesterday reports that Pope Paul XI was suffering from a heart

ailment, but concern for his condition persisted. The rumor of a cardiac condition of the Pope, carried in a Milan newspaper, was without foundation, a Vatican spokesman said. However, many Romans who are in different ways connected to the Vatican said there was indeed reason to worry about the Pontiff's health. His doctors were reported to have warned the 76-year-old Pope to limit severely the number of his public appearances during the Christmas season.

State Department sources in Washington reported that the United States had issued a visa for a temporary visit here to Mrs. Salvador Allende Gossens, widow of the President of Chile. Her arrival is expected any day now. Since

the coup in Santiago that deposed her husband, who is said to have committed suicide, Mrs. Allende has been extremely critical of the United States for what she considers its part in her husband's downfall.

The guest list for last night's White House state dinner in honor of the visiting President of Rumania, Nicolae Ceausescu, contained the usual smattering of personalities from the fields of entertainment and politics, as well as one guest invited specially by President Nixon.

The entertainment for the evening included the opera "The Barber of Seville," so President Nixon invited the White House barber, Milton Pitts, to watch the performance. Among the other guests

were Charlton Heston, the actor, Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, television personalities, and Max Elbin, the golf pro at the Burning Tree Golf Club in Bethesda, Md.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Ceausescu was made an honorary member of the American Institute of Chemists at a luncheon in Washington. A specialist in the field of synthesis who holds a doctorate in chemistry, the President's wife is director-general of the Central Institute for Chemical Research in Bucharest.

Marlene Dietrich will spend Christmas and her birthday, Dec. 27, hospitalized here, it was reported yesterday in Toronto. Miss Dietrich suffered a 6-inch gash in one of her famous legs last month

when she fell into the orchestra pit following a performance in a Washington suburb. The cut has not healed satisfactorily, and the 70-year-old entertainer will have to undergo skin-graft surgery.

Chief Judge Stanley H. Fuld of the Court of Appeals, the ranking jurist in the state, is retiring at the age of 70, and on Jan. 1 will become special counsel and consultant with the Park Avenue law firm of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman Hays & Handler. Judge Fuld will have spent almost 28 years on the Court of Appeals, and have heard more than 13,000 cases argued. He has written about 800 opinions, he estimated yesterday.