

Wallace Says He Won't Run Again If He Loses

Washington

George Wallace said yesterday that the 1976 presidential campaign will be his last venture into national politics unless he wins.

"Yes, I'm sure," the Alabama governor replied when he was asked on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" if this would be his final campaign.

"This is probably the last time I'll run unless I'm elected," he said.

Wallace, who is seeking the Democratic nomination, said if he wins the presidency and his health does not fail him, he would be bound to consider seeking re-election.

The 55-year-old governor first ran for the presidency in 1964. He tried as a third-party candidate in 1968, gaining ten million votes and carrying Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana.

He surprised many Democratic regulars and liberals in 1972 when he received 3.3 million votes in Democratic primaries, carrying Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland and Michigan. That year he was shot by Arthur Bremer and seriously

injured while campaigning in Maryland.

Wallace stressed yesterday that he is "running to be elected" and said he has as much chance as anybody of winning the Democratic nomination.

On another subject, Wallace said "that it's hard for me to realize that he (Bremer) was the only one" involved in the attempt to assassinate him. He said he "wouldn't mind" seeing a further investigation of the case to put "people's mind to rest."

Wallace indicated support for covert CIA financial aid to western-backed guerrillas in Angola, but opposes any deployment of American troops in the former Portuguese colony.

If he were President, Wallace said, he would direct the American ambassador to the United Nations to make it clear that "there is a possibility we might consider the non-necessity of being involved" (in the U.N.).

Wallace said he would give the United Nations time to institute some reforms. If it does not act on his proposals, he said, "they can move it to Red China."

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