

Trial Begins for Wallace Assailant

Upper Marlboro, Md.

Arthur Herman Bremer goes on trial today on charges of firing the shots that almost killed Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama and that may have changed the course of American politics in this election year.

Bremer, a 21-year-old former busboy and janitor from Milwaukee, has entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity in the attempted assassination of Wallace during a shopping center campaign rally at Laurel, Md., a Washington, D.C. suburb, on May 15.

Bremer is charged with assault with intent to murder Wallace, a campaign worker, a Secret Service agent and an Alabama state trooper. The maximum prison term under those charges, and for violation of the Maryland gun control law, totals 123 years.

When his state trial is completed, Bremer will face another trial in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on federal charges of violating the civil rights of a candidate, assaulting a federal of-

ficer and violating federal gun control regulations.

Bremer's court-appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz, has filed motions asking for two separate trials, one of Bremer's sanity and a second on the question of guilt. Lipsitz also has asked that his client "not be surrounded by or accompanied by guards or other security personnel but simply seated in the courtroom as any other spectator."

Acting under Maryland law, prosecuting attorney Arthur A. Marshall Jr. and Lipsitz both have filed lists of questions they would like Judge Ralph Powers to ask prospective jurors. Among Lipsitz's 53 questions were, "Do you own a gun? Are you opposed to sex education in public schools? Have you or a member of your family been the victim or subject of any crime or criminal activity? Should a political assassin be treated differently than any other defendant?"

Lipsitz also wants the judge to ask prospective jurors whether they belong to the American Independent party or if they support Wallace's political views.