

HE FACES CHARGES

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Governor in Surgery at Hospital in Suburb of the Capital

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LAUREL, Md., May 15—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama was shot and critically wounded today as he campaigned for President at a shopping center in this suburb of Washington.

A spokesman at the Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., where the 52-year-old Governor underwent emergency surgery late in the afternoon, said, "In medical terms, he is alive."

Billy Joe Camp, Mr. Wallace's press secretary, reported that his condition was "critical but stable" and that physicians were concerned about possible spinal damage.

A bulletin from the operating room at 6:35 P.M. said that exploratory surgery was "progressing normally" but that there appeared to be "some paralysis." The hospital officially listed Mr. Wallace's condition as "serious"—the strongest word it uses.

Later, Dr. Edgar Berman, personal physician to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, emerged from the hospital and said that one bullet had lodged next to Mr. Wallace's spine and another elsewhere. His stomach was perforated, Dr. Berman said.

Plan to File Charges

The state and local police arrested a suspect who was identified as Arthur Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee.

The Justice Department in Washington said that it would go into Federal District Court in Baltimore on Monday to file charges against Bremer for assault on a Federal officer and violating the Civil Rights Act of 1968 by assaulting a candidate for elective office in connection with the Wallace shooting.

Witnesses said that a young man wearing sunglasses had thrust his right hand, holding a pistol, between two other people as Governor Wallace, having shed his coat, began shaking hands. The man's arm

was struck by the Governor's security men, but he managed to fire several shots at point-blank range, witnesses said.

Governor Wallace fell backward like a toppling oak, his arms akimbo. As he lay on the pavement of the shopping center parking lot, and as the security men seized the suspect, blood began to show through his blue shirt.

Almost at once, the Gov-

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ernor's wife of 16 months, Cornelia, knelt over him. Her yellow dress was stained by the blood from the wound.

Also wounded were a Wallace bodyguard, a Secret Service agent and a young woman campaign volunteer who were with the Governor when he left the protection of his bullet-proof speaking stand and plunged into the crowd at the Laurel Shopping Center.

Immediately after receiving word of the shooting, President Nixon called Mrs. Wallace at her husband's bedside to tell her that she had the prayers and hopes of his wife and himself. In a later statement, he said, "I ask all Americans to join me in praying for his speedy and full recovery and also for that of the others who were wounded."

Governor Wallace's two main opponents in the primary races for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, both suspended their campaign.

Express Best Wishes

In expressing his best wishes for Mr. Wallace, Senator McGovern declared, "Hatred and the bullet have no place in a society of free men and women." Mr. Humphrey, who was in Maryland and went to the hospital, said, "It's getting so that you don't know what's going to happen in our country any more in politics."

Mr. Wallace was shot as he reached the climax of his insurgent, neo-Populist campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, which had stunned the party professionals by its success. He was considered the

favorite in the primaries scheduled for tomorrow in Maryland and Michigan.

The shooting was expected to have only a limited impact on the voting in those two states, although it might prompt a sympathy vote.

Four years ago, in the midst of another campaign, both Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who was seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the civil rights leader, were shot and killed, Mr. Kennedy

in Los Angeles and Dr. King in Memphis. As a result, Secret Service protection was extended to candidates for the major parties' Presidential nominations.

Kennedy Accepts Guard

This afternoon, the White House announced that Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts had accepted at least temporary Secret Service protection. He had spurned an earlier offer of protection on the ground that he was not a candidate.

In contrast to the smooth flow of his campaign in other states, Governor Wallace's Maryland effort has been marked by a series of incidents, beginning last week in Hagerstown, where several black youths were arrested. Eggs were thrown at Mr. Wallace as he left a rally, but none hit him.

In Frederick on Friday night, stones were thrown through the windows of the National

he had begun to do only relatively recently at such rallies.

Stands Behind Wallace

Witnesses variously likened the reports from the gun to "popping balloons" or "firecrackers" or "a series of auto backfires."

Laurens Pierce, a cameraman for the Columbia Broadcasting System, who was standing directly behind the Governor, said, "At about the third shot I could see the arm and a gun about two feet, three feet from Wallace's chest."

"It was pandemonium for a very short time," Mr. Pierce reported. "The moment the shots rang out there was total confusion. Immediately he [the assailant] was just covered with security people."

"There was a mess of bodies on this man while he was still firing," he went on. "All I could see was an arm and bodies massed on top of him, trying to smother him, but one arm came up out and continued to fire."

Harry Stine, public relations man for the 88-store Laurel complex, said that the Governor's wife was inside the one-story, white brick Equitable Trust Bank just before the shots were fired.

Appeals to Crowd

"She said something like, 'Oh, my God!' and ran and fell on top of him, threw herself on him," Mr. Stine said. "She kept crying 'Honey, Honey.' They had to pull her off."

The state, county police and local police, Secret Service men and bodyguards—some in gray uniforms, some in tan uniforms, with stetsons, some in plainclothes—swarmed about the fallen Governor. George Mangum, the burly Baptist preacher who warms up Wallace crowds, shouted into the public-address system, urging the crowd not to press in too close.



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Governor Wallace was shot in Laurel, (1) and taken to Silver Spring (2). Suspect was reportedly in hospital in Riverdale (3).

Guard Armory where he was speaking. Then, as he entered his car a stone struck him in the head. He was not hurt. Finally, as he sped away, a brick or bottle struck the left side of the limousine.

20 Miles From Capital

The Laurel Shopping Center, where the incident today occurred, is just outside Laurel, a community 20 miles from Washington that is perhaps best known for its horse-racing track. The center's buildings form an enormous U, covering four square blocks, and the stand from which Mr. Wallace spoke was in the middle.

It was hot, almost sultry, today as Governor Wallace delivered his standard speech to an audience of about 1,000 people. When he finished, he stepped from behind his 250-pound bulletproof stand and went into the crowd, something



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KNEELING OVER HUSBAND: Mrs. Cornelia Wallace bending over the Governor after he was shot at close range