

MILWAUKEE MAN HELD AS SUSPECT

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Seized on Weapons Charge
Last October in Wisconsin
—No Motivation Found

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The suspect seized yesterday in the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons in Laurel, Md., is a 21-year-old white man from Milwaukee who is reported to have been arrested last October on a concealed weapons charge in Wisconsin.

The suspect, Arthur Herman Bremer, was said to have been dressed in a red, white and blue shirt and to have worn Wallace buttons. Witnesses said he was roughed up as he was taken into custody.

"We know of no motivation at this time," said William Gullet, Chief Executive of Prince Georges County, where Laurel is located. "We have no evidence that anyone else was involved."

Witnesses described Bremer as clean cut, with blond hair and blue eyes about 5 feet 6 inches tall.

According to the Milwaukee police, he was arrested on a

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charge of carrying a concealed weapon last Oct. 18 and was subsequently convicted of disorderly conduct.

A Justice Department spokesman said that the .38-caliber snub-nosed revolver allegedly used at Laurel had been purchased in Milwaukee on Jan. 13 and fired five times yesterday.

Bremer's parents were said to live at 1300 South 15th Street in Milwaukee. His address was given by the authorities as 2433 West Michigan Street.

Meanwhile, the Maryland State Police put out an alarm for a second man, described as white, about 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing 220 pounds and having blond hair. He had been reported driving a blue Cadillac with Georgia license plates, but the car was later found abandoned.

"We don't know definitely if it's connected," Sergeant A. G. said.

He explained that a man was spotted soon after the shooting in the Savage, Md., area while reportedly replacing the auto's Georgia license tag with one from Maryland.

Bremer's identity was made public by the Justice Department about 7:30 P.M. State officials would not disclose his whereabouts after his arrest for security reasons. He was to be turned over to Federal agents as soon as a warrant was issued.

Bodyguard and U.S. Agent Shot; 'Wallace Girl' Also Seen Victim

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WASHINGTON, May 15 — Three other persons were injured by the bullets aimed at Gov. George C. Wallace today.

The victims included Governor Wallace's long-time personal security officer, a United States Secret Service agent assigned to protect the Alabama Governor and a young woman serving as a volunteer "Wallace girl" during the Maryland primary campaign.

The personal bodyguard was identified as Capt. E. C. Dothard of the Alabama State Highway Patrol. He was said to have been shot in the chest and was reported in "fair to satisfactory condition."

Thomas S. Smith, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, identified the Secret Service agent as Nicholas Zorvas. He said that Mr. Zorvas had been shot in the throat and was "evidently in serious condition."

Woman Shot in Leg

The young campaign worker was said to be Mrs. Dora Thompson of Hyattsville, Md., not far from the shopping center where today's shooting took place. Mrs. Thompson was shot in the leg and was in "not too bad shape," according to Superintendent Smith.

In the confusion following the incident, little information could be found about the victims who were shot along with Governor Wallace.

Captain Dothard was said by Wallace campaign headquarters to have served as the Governor's personal security officer for many years. He was described as being married and in his mid-40's and was a familiar figure on all Wallace campaign trips.

Captain Dothard was described as being closer to Governor Wallace than any other member of the campaign entourage. Reporters who traveled with the Wallace party described the police captain as "the most popular cop" on the campaign trail and said he had a laconic, droll wit.

Mr. Zorvas was said to be a young, well-dressed agent based in Atlanta. He was second in command of the security detail assigned to protect Governor Wallace. Along with the chief of the detail, James Kelly, he was responsible for administering all security techniques for the Wallace campaign as well as for accompanying the candidate personally at all times.

Reports about Mrs. Thompson were conflicting. A spokesman for the Hyattsville County Police in Maryland said that according to reports coming in to their headquarters no woman had been shot.

Another report said that a woman named Mrs. Gloria Thompson had been wounded.



United Press International

EARLY IN THE DAY: Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama speaking at a campaign rally in a shopping center in Wheaton, Md. Like Laurel, it is a suburb of Washington.



Associated Press

TAKEN TO STATION WAGON: Governor Wallace was lifted into vehicle and surrounded by security officers.