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Arthur Herman Bremer at rally for George C. Wallace on Monday at Wheaton, Md. He was arrested later that day at a rally in Laurel, Md., on charges of shooting Mr. Wallace.

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**Police Suspect Governor Was Stalked**

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WASHINGTON, May 16—Federal agents and the local police were investigating today the possibility that the 21-year-old suspect arrested yesterday in the shooting of George C. Wallace had stalked the Alabama Governor for at least several days.

Arthur Herman Bremer, the short, close-cropped blond who was seized moments after Mr. Wallace was felled by several shots from a revolver at a nearby Laurel, Md., shopping center, has been placed by witnesses at two earlier Wallace rallies.

The police in Kalamazoo, Mich., questioned a man they said was Mr. Bremer about four hours before a Michigan primary campaign appearance by Mr. Wallace last Saturday. Television film clips of an earlier rally yesterday in Wheaton, Md., showed Mr. Bremer in the crowd.

Other reports from persons close to the Wallace campaign

indicated that the suspect might also have appeared at rallies or at the Governor's headquarters over the last several weeks in Milwaukee, Silver Spring, Md., and perhaps other Maryland cities.

A Maryland state official

said that the state police were definitely pursuing "the stalking theory." He said there was some evidence, though not conclusive, that Mr. Bremer was not only in Laurel and

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Wheaton on Monday, but also in Frederick, Md., at the National Guard Armory there last Thursday for a Wallace rally.

A state police source said that the authorities were checking reports that the suspect had been in Cambridge, Md., for an appearance by the Alabamian on Friday.

A Federal official close to the investigation said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was trying to reconstruct Mr. Bremer's movements in the days and weeks before the shooting. He added, however, that he did not know when the suspect had arrived in Maryland.

In Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday, where Governor Wallace was campaigning in the Michigan primary, which was held today along with the Maryland primary, the police received a call from a parking lot attendant who became suspicious of a man who sat for a long time in a 1968 blue Rambler, a two-door sedan with

the Wisconsin license plate 8154. The lot was across the street from the armory at which Mr. Wallace was to speak that evening.

The Kalamazoo police said that when they investigated the man showed them a Wisconsin driver's license that identified him as Arthur H. Bremer, Born Aug. 21, 1950. The sedan in which he was sitting was the same type and bore the same license plate as the one confiscated by the Maryland authorities yesterday from a lot at the shopping center where Mr. Wallace was shot.

A Kalamazoo police official said that the man had said that he had arrived early to be sure of a good seat at the Wallace rally. He said neither the man nor the car was searched, and no report of the incident was made to the Secret Service.

**'Didn't Act Suspicious'**

"He didn't act suspicious," said Deputy Police Chief Orville Ragan. "It was logical that he be in the car. It was raining. We did a routine check on the man and the car. Both were negative."

Asked why the police had not informed the Secret Service of the incident, he said that "if we had anything to go on to be suspicious, we would have."

"I would have like it to have turned out differently," he added. "I would have like the man to have done something to have reason to hold him."

Laurens Pierce, a Columbia Broadcasting System cameraman who filmed the shooting of Governor Wallace and the capture of the suspect, also shot some of the film at the Wheaton rally in which Mr. Bremer was identified.

Mr. Pierce, who has been traveling with the Governor since April 30, said in an interview that he was convinced he had seen the suspect before he encountered him Monday in Wheaton because "the previous time I saw him he was fanatic almost in his appearance, so I did a close-up shot."

The cameraman said he did not remember precisely when or where this was, but thought it might have been in Hagerstown, Md., on May 6.

At Wheaton, Mr. Pierce he "swung the camera around to do a crowd shot and I saw him."

"I went up to him and said, 'I filmed you at a previous rally,' and he shied away from me as if to say, 'No, no!'"

Frank Daniel, a Wallace campaign worker, said he also remembered having seen the suspect or someone who looked like him at a rally in Milwaukee.