

Wallace Off The Critical List;
 Remains In Bed, Aides Assure;
 Is Victor In Maryland Vote

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**More Surgery Is Due
 in Hope of Ending
 Paralysis of Legs**

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SILVER SPRING, Md., May 16—Gov. George C. Wallace was removed from the critical list today, but two Alabama doctors treating him at a hospital here said he would require additional surgery for the removal of a bullet lodged against his spine and causing paralysis from his hips down.

The Alabama Governor's personal physician, Dr. Hamilton Hutchinson, and Dr. J. G. Galbraith, a professor of neurosurgery at the University of Alabama Medical Center, said in a written statement that although Mr. Wallace was recovering "remarkably well" from wounds he suffered in an attempt on his life yesterday, the bullet would have to be removed if he was to recover the use of his legs.

Nevertheless, aides to the 52-year-old Presidential candidate, shot at a rally in Laurel, Md., described him as being in good spirits and said his insurgent campaign for the Democratic nomination would continue unless he decided otherwise.

Suspect Heavily Guarded

As Governor Wallace lay in the intensive care unit of Holy Cross Hospital, Arthur Herman Bremer, the 21-year-old white man accused of shooting him and three other persons at a suburban shopping center, was held under heavy guard in the Baltimore County Jail in Towson, Md.

State and Federal charges have been filed against the blond resident of Milwaukee, and he is being held in lieu of \$200,000 bail.

Dr. Joseph F. Schanno, who said last night that there was a possibility Governor would be permanently paralyzed, said today that he and the other

physicians treating Mr. Wallace were "very optimistic about his progress at this point."

Dr. Schanno, a vascular surgeon, headed the team of seven doctors who performed exploratory surgery on the Governor last night.

As he faced dozens of reporters in a gymnasium turned into a press center near the

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eight-story hospital, thousands of voters in this state and in Michigan were casting their ballots in primary elections pitting Mr. Wallace against Senators George McGovern of South Dakota and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

Governor Wallace's national campaign director, Charles S. Snider of Montgomery, Ala., said today that the Wallace campaign would not be interrupted by the shooting or the Governor's disability.

"We have a candidate and the show is going on exactly as it did and will continue until the Governor decides otherwise," Mr. Snider said.

Mr. Snider suggested that efforts on behalf of Governor Wallace would be made in the Oregon and New Mexico primary elections by members of the campaign staff and the Alabama Congressional delegation. He also said that a write-in effort would continue in the California primary election.

Billy Joe Camp, the Governor's press secretary, said that the candidate's 33-year-old wife, Cornelia, had told him that her husband wanted the campaign to continue "even if he has to get around in a wheelchair."

None of the physicians treating him have made any public comment on whether the paralysis in the Governor's legs is thought to be a temporary or permanent condition.

A bullet remains lodged against the lower spine just below the last rib, and was apparently not accessible for removal last night.

"It would not have been to any advantage to have gone in and taken it out last night," Dr. Schanno said.

Another bullet was removed from the Governor during the five-hour operation. It had perforated his stomach, torn through ligaments of his small intestines and brushed past his large intestine on the left side of his body.

Hospital spokesman said that the Governor had four other

wounds — one in his right forearm, one in his upper right arm, one in his right shoulder and one in the area of his left shoulder blade. Dr. Schanno speculated that the bullets that caused the wounds in his arm might also have entered his abdomen and chest.

Governor Wallace was shot about 4 P.M. yesterday after he shed his suit coat and

walked to a restraining rope where hundreds of people waited with arms outstretched. Three other persons — a Secret Service agent, an Alabama state trooper and a Maryland woman working in the Wallace campaign—were also wounded.

There were conflicting views from witnesses on the number of shots fired. Some said four, others five. The .38-caliber pistol found at the Governor's feet, which had been sold in Milwaukee last Jan. 13 to Mr. Bremer, was a five-shot weapon.

Although there was broad speculation on how four persons had suffered at least seven separate wounds from a maximum of five shots, the various law enforcement agencies with personnel on the scene said that none of their officers or agents had discharged their weapons.

Mr. Bremer was pummeled by the partisan crowd after the shots were fired and was taken by Maryland state policemen to the nearby Hyattsville jail. Later in the evening, he was driven to Leland Hospital, where sutures were applied to a laceration on his head.

Operation Begins

Governor Wallace was rushed to this Washington suburb by ambulance and, after preparatory treatment in the emergency room, underwent the long operation.

The Governor was wheeled out of the operating room at 10 P.M. and placed in the hospital recovery room where he remained under careful watch for another five hours.

One of the three other persons wounded in the shooting, Capt. Eldred C. Dothard of the Alabama State Patrol, was released from the hospital last night. His wife flew here from Montgomery today and he said

from a motel room in nearby Wheaton, Md., that he hoped to go home tomorrow. One bullet had grazed his abdomen.

Nicholas Zarvos, a 37-year-old Secret Service agent who was struck in the neck by a bullet, is in "satisfactory" condition at the Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, Md. A resident of Atlanta, the agent was struck in the right side of the neck and the bullet lodged beneath his left jaw bone. It was removed in surgery, and his voice-box was repaired by physicians.

President Nixon told reporters in a morning briefing that doctors had informed him they believed "there is a better than even chance" that Mr. Zarvos's

larynx was not substantially damaged.

Although Mr. Burke said there were no plans to move Governor Wallace, the President said that Mr. Wallace had told Brig. Gen. Walter R. Tkach, the chief White House physician, that he would like to recuperate either in Alabama or at the Walter Reed Army Hospital.

The President said that if Governor Wallace decided to return to Alabama, an Air Force hospital plane would be provided.

At 3 A.M. today, a few hours after Mr. Bremer was taken to a small cell in Towson, the Governor was transferred from the hospital's recovery room to its intensive care unit, an eight-bed ward with private cubicles.

By that time, his four children from his marriage to the late Lurleen B. Wallace—Mrs. Bobbi Jo Parsons, 27; Peggy Sue, 22; George Jr., 20, and Lee, 11—as well as his brother, Jack Wallace, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Folsom Ellis Austin, had arrived at the hospital.

A hospital spokesman said that all had visited him at least once and that Mrs. Wallace, his wife of 16 months, spoke with him several times.

The Governor, according to his press secretary, is lying on his back, is being fed intravenously, and although he is under sedation, sustains frequent periods of lucidity.

According to Frank Daniels, a member of the Wallace staff and one of those responsible for organizing the Governor's hectic, free-wheeling schedule, the candidate asked him this morning: "What do you have scheduled for me today?"

Despite the sedation and in contrast to his jovial remark, Governor Wallace is said to be in considerable pain. Dr. Schanno said the pain was inevitable and unavoidable.

Cause of Paralysis

The doctor also explained the apparent cause of his patient's paralysis. It is the result, he said, of the impact of the bullet with the spinal column, the bone encasing the spinal cord. The cord serves as a nerve-message cable, controlling, among other things, the movements of the various extremities of the body.

In response to inquiries about why an impact on the spine at the relatively high point in the Governor's back would cause paralysis in his legs, Dr. Schanno referred to "a blast effect" that might produce effects below the point of impact.

Mr. Burke said that at least 50 bouquets and other flower arrangements had arrived at the hospital "from all over the country" and were causing some problems for the staff because of the lack of space. He said that Mrs. Wallace had asked that such displays of condolence be limited.