

Bremer Shares Traits of Oswald,

Sirhan

NEW YORK (AP) — A quiet young man, a loner with few friends and alienated from his family, Arthur H. Bremer has many things in common with Lee Harvey Oswald and Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Such men act on impulse and feel compelled to change the world, says a psychiatrist often called upon by the Justice Department to examine would-be presidential assassins.

Bremer, 21, is accused of shooting Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace as Wallace campaigned Monday for the Democratic presidential nomination in Laurel, Md.

Sirhan was 24 when he fatally shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy during the 1968 presidential campaign. Oswald was 23 when he assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

DR. DAVID Abrahamsen, a New York psychiatrist, has examined more than a dozen people who threatened the president or vice president. He has written a book about Oswald, "Our Violent Society," and researched the personality of assassins.

"These people have a very low level of frustration. They have to act out their impulses whenever the possibility is there," said Abrahamsen.

"They feel very threatened. To overcome being threatened, they try to change the world."

Assassins and potential assassins often come from broken homes or were otherwise separated from their families, he said. "They often feel alienated and have a need for revenge," he said.

"These people think of the world as a place of chaos and try to clean up the chaos by an extraordinary act such as killing," he said. "They are not really trying to kill a person. They are trying to change the world."

ABRAHAMSEN has never seen Bremer or personally examined Oswald or Sirhan, though he has studied their cases.

Bremer was arrested in Milwaukee last November for carrying a concealed weapon. Oswald was reduced one rank while he was in the Marine Corps for carrying an unauthorized personal weapon.

A court psychiatrist who examined Bremer after his arrest last year said Tuesday

Bremer did not seem dangerous at the time. Oswald underwent psychiatric tests in grade school and was found to have a passive tendency toward aggression, nothing more.

A minister who interviewed Bremer last year reported Bremer said he had no close friends. On a personal history questionnaire when he was in high school, Oswald answered no to a question of whether he had any close friends.

THE MINISTER, Fred E. Blue Jr., said Bremer "appears to bottle up anger but will sometime let it go—I assess him as bordering on paranoia." The defense in the Sirhan trial asserted that he shot Kennedy in "a state of gathering paranoid rage."

Few people know Bremer well. The sketchy picture that emerges from the comments of his family, school acquaintances and people he worked with is that of a fairly intelligent young man who kept to himself the reasons for whatever he did.

"There is no explanation we can give at all," said Theodore Bremer when told his younger brother had shot Wallace.

"All I know is he is a nice

kid," said Sirhan's older brother when told of the shooting of Robert Kennedy.

"I CAN'T believe it," Bremer's father said of the shooting. "If my boy did it, he must have got awfully sick."

"My son—it can't be," Sirhan's mother said in 1968. "Ever since he had a fall about a year ago, he hasn't been the same."

Bremer lived with his family in Milwaukee until last fall, when he moved into an apartment by himself. Oswald's father died before he was born, and he was never very close to his mother. Sirhan's father left the family after quarreling with his wife.

Though he received A's in history and English, Bremer had only a C average in school. Oswald had above average scores on intelligence tests but was a mediocre student. Sirhan had good grades in the schools of his native Jordan but never lived up to his academic potential.

BREMER quit two jobs in Milwaukee without explanation. He just didn't show up. Sirhan held several jobs, but never lasted a year on any of them. Oswald drifted from place to place through most of

his adult life and never held a job for long.

Like Oswald, Bremer was a loner.

"He kept to himself. He never tried to be friendly," said Delores Wasche, wife of the manager of the apartment house where Bremer lived in Milwaukee. "He was very much of a loner."

A landlady in New Orleans said Oswald acted in much the same way.

"When he passed me or my husband in the yard, he wouldn't say anything," said the landlady. "He just kept walking with his head down."

Like Sirhan, Bremer recorded his thoughts in notebooks. Bremer's were found in his apartment.

In one of those notebooks were these words: "Cheer up, Oswald."

Wallace Apparently Stalked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arthur H. Bremer, the man accused of gunning down George C. Wallace, may have stalked the Alabama governor through three states before the shooting at a suburban campaign rally Monday.

And although Wallace security agents reportedly had become suspicious of the 21-year-old Milwaukee man because he kept showing up at Wallace rallies, they never took direct action against him.

The possibility that Bremer stalked Wallace has prompted federal agents to attempt to reconstruct his movements over the past several weeks to determine where he went, whom he saw and what his intentions were.

While the FBI will say officially only that its agents are investigating Bremer's background, sources close to the

investigation say "There is not any question" that the stalking theory is the prime focus of the federal probe.

A reconstruction of his movements shows:

—He was picked up by police in Kalamazoo, Mich., before a Wallace rally there, after he was seen loitering in a car in a parking lot near the rally site. He was released when he convinced police he was merely an avid Wallace supporter trying to assure himself of a seat at the rally. An Associated Press Wirephoto taken at the rally shows Bremer standing, cheering and applauding.

—Frank Daniel, a Wallace campaign worker, said he recalled seeing Bremer or someone who looked like him at a rally in Milwaukee before the Wisconsin primary. An employe of the Milwaukee Athlete Club, where Bremer worked, said Bremer had attended a Wallace rally in that

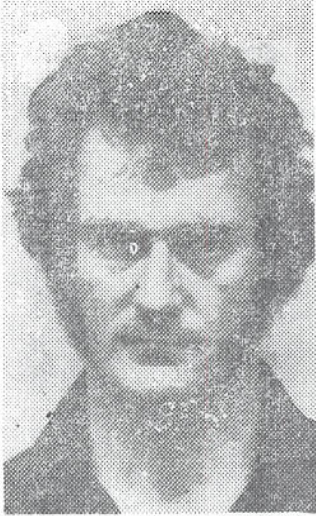
city March 1.

—Janet Petrone, Maryland state coordinator for Women for Wallace, recalled in an interview that Bremer had come to Wallace's Silver Spring office within the past week and volunteered to work.

"I told him what we really needed were people at polling places to hand out literature," Mrs. Petrone said. "He wasn't overjoyed by that. I put his name on a card but he said he didn't have a telephone so I didn't take his address since I couldn't have reached him anyway."

Then on Monday, Mrs. Petrone said, she was setting up a table of bumper stickers at a shopping plaza in Wheaton, Md., and Bremer came by.

He said, "Hi, Babe. How are things going?" Mrs. Petrone recalled. "I was very busy and didn't stop to talk but I did remember that face."



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WILLIAM ALLEN BREMER,
32-year-old brother of the man
charged with shooting Gov.
George C. Wallace, is wanted
in Florida on fraud charges
in connection with a weight-
reducing scheme.



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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
The dead and the jailed.