

Wallace Told of Likely Paralysis

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SILVER SPRINGS (Md.) — Gov. George Wallace began receiving physical therapy treatment today after being told he might never walk again.

Dr. James Galbraith, a University of Alabama neurosurgeon called in to attend the paralyzed Wallace, stressed that the governor was not being kept in the dark about his chances of walking.

He said he had discussed it with him and, "he simply said he was going to fight it and he would make it."

Galbraith conceded yesterday that the odds were better than 50-50 that Wallace would recover use of his legs.

Nearly three days after he was shot, the Alabama governor showed no movement or sensation in either leg. Authorities said his paralysis from the waist down, because of a bullet that struck his lower spinal column, was unchanged since the attempted assassination Monday afternoon.

Dr. Galbraith told newsmen that under the direction of a physiotherapy specialist, Wallace was being moved slightly from side to side in bed and his legs were being massaged to stimulate circulation and prevent bedsores.

The FBI was reported meanwhile to have found no evidence three days after the shooting that the prime suspect, Arthur Herman Bremer, 21, of Milwaukee,

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acted as part of any conspiracy. At least 200 FBI agents were said to be following leads across the country.

A Scripps-Howard dispatch in the Washington Daily News quoted a Justice Department spokesman as saying that acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III

"is convinced as of now that Bremer was in this thing by himself."

Evidence in Car

The Washington Post reported that FBI agents had found in Bremer's blue 1968 Rambler a considerable amount of clothing, numerous road maps, two Republican campaign buttons, one campaign flyer for Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), and a Wallace poster.

U.S. Attorney George Beall told UPI he did not know whether Federal agents were investigating the possibility that Bremer, who apparently had stalked Wallace on the campaign trail for several weeks, also had been following McGovern, on the basis of the handbill found in the car.

"I've been hearing those rumors, but I know of no investigation by anybody along those lines," Beall said.

The car was found parked at the Laurel, Md., shopping center, about 18 miles northeast of Washington, where Wallace was gunned down after an election-eve campaign speech Monday.

Temperature Up

The FBI list of items found in the car, attached to a search warrant filed Wednesday in Baltimore, also was reported to have included a book about Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.), and another entitled "RFK Must Die."

Holy Cross Hospital, where Wallace is confined to the seventh-floor intensive care unit, said his temperature had risen to as high as 102 degrees since early Wednesday afternoon because of bodily absorption of blood in his stomach as a result of one of his bullet wounds. His pulse rate also rose mildly.



Governor George Wallace in Holy Cross Hospital with wife Cornelia

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changes" and that antibiotics and aspirin were being used, the latter to keep his temperature down.

2d Operation

They said no decision had been made about when or where Wallace would be transferred for further recuperation before a second operation is performed to remove the .38-caliber slug still lodged in the spinal canal near the central nerve cord that controls his bodily movements.

"So far there is no indication of infection or abscess in the abdominal cavity," the hospital said in a statement. "Essentially, the lungs remain clear, his heart action is stable, his paralysis of the legs is unchanged."

Authorities said Wallace was showing "some anticipated postoperative