

Bail Reduction Denied

BREMER ENTERS INNOCENT PLEA

BALTIMORE (AP) — Arthur H. Bremer pleaded innocent today in U.S. District Court to federal charges in the May 15 shooting of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace and three other persons at a political rally.

The 21-year old unemployed busboy appeared relaxed, and openly smiling several times during the 16-minute hearing before chief Judge Edward S. Northrup.

Bremer replied in a strong voice to Northrup's formal questions concerning his name, age, attorney, education and whether he understood the four charges against him contained in an

indictment handed down Tuesday by a federal grand jury.

THE DEFENDANT, flanked by several security guards, stood before Northrup as his court appointed attorney, Benjamin Lipsitz of Baltimore, entered the innocent plea.

Bremer, who also faces state charges, was accused in the federal indictment of shooting a presidential candidate, assaulting a Secret Service agent assigned to protect Wallace, illegally bringing a .38-caliber revolver from Wisconsin to Maryland and using the weapon to commit a felony.

Northrup granted the defense 30

days to file pretrial motions and said the government would get an additional five days to respond. The judge said he would then hold a prompt hearing on the motions and set a trial date "as expeditiously as possible."

After the hearing, the U.S. attorney said he was considering asking the court to order Bremer to undergo a mental examination.

THE ARRAIGNMENT took place in a heavily guarded courtroom packed with about 90 newsmen and spectators who were required to undergo an electronic search before being admitted.

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Everyone was required to remain seated while Bremer was led to and from the room by a phalanx of FBI agents and deputy U.S. marshals.

The defense twice today lost attempts to get Bremer's \$200,000 bail reduced.

Northrup said he agreed with the earlier ruling by a federal magistrate.

Magistrate Clarence E. Goetz said he felt the "nature and circumstances of the offense, the use of firearms, the lack of family ties all mitigate against lowering the bond.

"I think the bail has been properly set," Goetz said, at an unexpected bail hearing convened about an hour before the arraignment of Bremer.

Bremer sat motionless as his attorney asked Goetz to reduce the bail to "a reasonable level.

"The only reason my client is in jail right now rather than on the street where he could be helping himself is because he is poor," Lipsitz said.

U.S. Atty. George Beall opposed the bail reduction motion citing the nature

of the charges against the unemployed Bremer.

The FBI said early today that it had secretly moved Bremer from the Baltimore County Jail to an undisclosed location to await arraignment. In confirming that Bremer had been moved, the FBI cited the need for strenuous security precautions.

The 21-year-old Milwaukee man was named yesterday in indictments returned by a federal grand jury in Baltimore and a state grand jury in Prince Georges County, where the shootings occurred.

HE WAS CHARGED in the federal indictment with shooting a candidate for public office, illegally bringing a .38-caliber revolver from Wisconsin to Maryland, using the weapon to commit a felony and assaulting a federal officer, a Secret Service agent assigned to protect Wallace as he campaigned for the Democratic nomination.

The state, in four six-count indictments, accused Bremer of assault, attempted murder and violation of Maryland's handgun control statute.