

# Bremer Is Indicted by Two Grand Juries

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Arthur Herman Bremer was indicted by Federal and state grand juries today for the shooting of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and three other persons at a political rally eight days ago.

The Federal panel, meeting at the United States Courthouse here, took only 50 minutes to charge the 21-year-old Mr. Bremer on four counts, including violating the civil rights of a Presidential candidate and assaulting a Federal officer.

One juror said later that the Federal prosecutors had told the panel they had "no evidence, as of now," that any conspiracy was involved in the shooting.

The juror added that the Government had presented "more than enough" evidence to justify the unanimous indictments.

Mr. Bremer, who is being held at the Baltimore County jail in the suburb of Towson, is scheduled to appear for arraignment at 10 A.M. tomorrow before Chief Judge Edward S. Northrop, the presiding judge of the United States District Court for Maryland.

Earlier today, a grand jury in Prince Georges County—where the shootings occurred—handed down four identical six-count indictments carrying potentially more serious penalties.

## Murder And Assault

The state charges accuse Mr. Bremer with two common law offenses, attempted murder and assault and battery; two felonies, assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to maim; and two violations of Maryland's recently enacted handgun control law.

Arthur A. Marshall Jr., the state's attorney for Prince George's county, explained to newsmen that common law crimes carry no fixed penalties and can result, upon conviction, in the death penalty. Mr. Marshall added, however, that the death penalty had never been imposed in a case where the victim survived.

Meanwhile, Governor Wallace continued his recuperation in the intensive care ward of Holy Cross Hospital of Silver Spring, Md., just outside of Washington.

The daily medical bulletin issued this morning described the condition of his paralyzed legs as "essentially unchanged." His heart, temperature and kidney functions were described as normal, and Mr. Wallace was said to be taking

increasing amounts of nourishment by mouth.

Hospital sources reported that there were no plans to move the Governor tomorrow, despite persistent reports that he was to be moved shortly to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham for an operation to remove the bullet that is lodged against his spine.

The Governor was visited today by the Democratic National Chairman, Lawrence F. O'Brien, who told Mr. Wallace that he would be welcome at the party's national convention in Miami Beach.

It was the first time the two men had conferred during the Governor's current campaign. Earlier in the year, Mr. O'Brien had said he did not regard Mr. Wallace as a genuine Democrat because of his third-party Presidential bid in 1968.

## 5-Minute Proceeding

"The Governor told me that he is looking forward to being down in Miami," Mr. O'Brien told reporters after his 20-minute visit with Mr. Wallace. "I told him we were looking forward to seeing him there. We will have the welcome mat out for him."

The four-count Federal indictment was handed down during a five-minute proceeding before Federal Judge C. Stanley Blair in a woodpaneled courtroom here. The jury consisted of 11 men and nine women, including three blacks.

The indictment, presented by United States Attorney George

Beall, accuses Mr. Bremer of using a .38-caliber revolver to willfully injure a Presidential candidate and to assault Nicholas J. Zarvos, a Secret Service agent guarding Governor Wallace. It also charges him with transporting the gun from Wisconsin to Maryland and using the weapon to commit a felony.

Each of the first three counts carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine; the fourth bears a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

Mr. Beall said later that the Government would be prepared to go to court within 60 to 90 days, "barring complications from any medical or psychiatric examinations." He added that it remained "an open question" whether the state, or Federal charges against Mr. Bremer would be tried first.

Aside from the common law charges, the other counts lodged against Mr. Bremer by the state each carry prison sentences ranging from three to 15 years.

The other victims listed in the state indictments, in addition to Governor Wallace and Mr. Zarvos, are Capt. E. C. Dothard, an Alabama state trooper who was accompanying the Governor, and Mrs. Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker from Hyattsville, Md.