

FBI Unable to Link Bremer With Weapon

UPPER MARLBORO (Md.) — (UPI) — FBI experts called as prosecution witnesses acknowledged today they were unable to produce laboratory evidence linking Arthur Bremer to the gun used in the shooting of Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

They testified during the second day of trial they could not find Bremer's fingerprints on the gun, trace the bullets to it or find any powder residue on Bremer's hands to show he had fired a weapon the day of the attempted assassination last May 15.

Robert A. Frasier, an FBI ballistics technician for 31 years, said the five bullets taken from the four persons injured in the shooting were fired from a .38 caliber revolver but that none had enough microscopic markings to enable him to trace them to the same caliber weapon the 21 year old Bremer bought last January in Milwaukee.

Mutilated

Frasier said the bullets had been mutilated in passing through the bodies.

Frasier also said an analysis of paraffin tests given Bremer did not show the usual high levels of barium and antimony produced when a person fires a gun. However, the agent added, the residues can easily be removed from the hands by

washing or by putting the hands in pockets.

Thurmond Williams, an FBI fingerprint examiner for 15 years, testified he found two partial prints on the gun but they were too distorted to trace.

Bremer came to court clean shaven for the second day of the trial. Three witnesses were unable to identify him positively yesterday, citing a beard he had grown while awaiting the trial.

Court Orders?

During a recess, newsmen asked Bremer if he had shaved under court orders.

"If Nixon don't have to give press conferences," he said, "I don't either."

During jury selection in the first day of the trial Monday, Bremer smiled endlessly. Once he stuck his tongue out at a spectator, smiled broadly and chuckled to himself.

Defense Attorney Benjamin Lipsitz told the six-man, six woman jury yesterday that he expected to prove

that Bremer was insane, not only at the time of the shooting but all his life. He described Bremer as "a boy who was weird the day he came into this world."