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**How Bremer  
 Tried to  
 Kill Nixon**  
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UPPER MARLBORO (Md.) — The defense of Arthur Herman Bremer rested today after presenting an anguished, often jumbled diary in which the defendant detailed his stalking of President Nixon and Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

There are passing references to possibly shooting Sen. George McGovern and to the publicity value of killing the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The prosecution then began calling rebuttal witnesses. It was not known when testimony would end, and

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when closing arguments would be presented to the jury of six men and six women.

Bremer has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to shooting Wallace and three others at a political rally in Laurel, Md.

The Prince Georges County Circuit Court jury will have to resolve the conflicting testimony about Bremer's mental state given by psychiatrists for the prosecution and the defense.

The 114-page diary laced with four-letter words and lamentations of failure, described how Bremer pursued Nixon with a pistol during an April visit to Ottawa Canada, retreated in despair to Milwaukee, Wis., and then settled on Wallace while watching the film, "A Clockwork Orange."

Bremer wrote he brushed his teeth, changed his clothes and went out to try to kill President Nixon at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, the Milwaukee busboy-janitor's diary disclosed today.

It was just another failure in an elaborate assassination plot that might have succeeded at least six times last April.

Writing of his efforts to get close enough to shoot Nixon during his April state visit to the Canadian capital, Bremer wrote: "I had a good view as he went past me — past me for the sixth time — and still alive."

But, Bremer said in the 114-page personal journal read to a Prince Georges County Court jury by defense attorney Benjamin Lipsitz that he didn't shoot because he feared the bullets from his .38 caliber revolver would not penetrate the windows of Nixon's car.

"I didn't want to get killed or imprisoned in an unsuccessful attempt," he wrote. "Couldn't afford that."

The defense rested after reading the step-by-step account of how Bremer

planned and failed to assassinate Nixon in Ottawa.

Bremer did not testify in his defense, but his father, William Bremer, appeared briefly in court. He discussed how he became blind in one eye at age 9 but was not asked anything about his son.

Bremer, who faces up to 123 years imprisonment for shooting Wallace and three other persons May 15, described partygoers he watched entering a formal official function in Ottawa.

"To wear white tie and tails and shoot Nixon. Wow!"

#### Worn Off

He said it would not be good to murder the President in "an undershirt because some of the glamor would definitely be worn off."

At another point in the diary, Bremer wrote of attempting to waylay Nixon at the U.S. Embassy. He recounted returning to his hotel to brush his teeth and change his clothes before taking a position outside the Embassy. Nixon wasn't there.

"I was overly concerned with my appearance and composure after the bang bangs. I wanted to shock . . . the SS (Secret Service) with my composure . . . I will pay little attention to these things on future occasions. After all, did Sirhan worry about his tie?"

#### Secret Service

Faced with six frustrations in three days Bremer said he then and there considered gunning down a half dozen Secret Service agents "because I was mad at them, myself and Nixon."

Bremer, standing trial on state criminal charges of attempting to kill Wallace, described the elaborate preparations he made to travel to Canada and kill Nixon during his state visit to Ottawa April 13, 1972.

Bremer wrote in his diary: "From the beginning of this plan, I planned to get

him (President Nixon) at the airport."

Two days later still uncertain of what to do he wrote that he considered going to Washington to find the President and try again. "You can't kill Nixie boy if you ain't close to him," he wrote.

Security, tight since the beginning of the trial Monday, tightened even further today in the wake of an anonymous telephone threat that "we're gonna get Bremer" was received at the Prince George County Courthouse last night. Bremer described traveling from Milwaukee across Lake Michigan by ferry and entering Canada at a point not far from Detroit with two guns hidden in his automobile.

#### Gunpowder Smell

He made elaborate preparations to avoid being found with the guns by washing his car, trying to destroy any smell of gunpowder.

He wrote that he was bit-

terly disappointed that the Canadian border guards made only a cursory check. "I instantly lost respect for the great bad border inspection," he wrote.

"I thought what an ---- I was, I could have had enough guns to start a revolution in Canada."

The day of Nixon's arrival he dressed in his conservative business suit and wore a "Vote Republican" button, carrying his gun in his pocket. "I felt added confidence with a suit, short hair and shaved," Bremer wrote in his diary.

But Canadian officials refused to allow him into Uplands and when he took up a position along the motorcade route the President sped by like a "dark silhouette." "He went by before I knew it," Bremer wrote.

The hearing ended abruptly about 11 p.m. last night when the court was cleared following the telephoned threat on Bremer's life.