

WALLACE ASSERTS HE IS A BERLINER

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Visits the Wall—Telephoned
Threat Made to Hotel

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BERLIN, Oct. 22 — Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama visited West Berlin today, saw the Berlin Wall and said that, like President Kennedy, "I feel, too, I am a Berliner."

On June 26, 1963, Mr. Kennedy said in a speech in Berlin, "Ich bin ein Berliner."

Mr. Wallace flew to Paris tonight on the next leg of his five-nation tour of Western Europe amid tightened security after a telephoned threat against his life was received at his Berlin hotel.

The male caller told a hotel operator that the Red Army Faction, a left-wing terror group, would kill Mr. Wallace and had the power to do it. But a West Berlin police official said the call was thought to be only harassment and not from the terrorist group that kidnapped a top Berlin politician last February and ransomed him for five of their comrades.

A spokesman for Mr. Wallace, confined to a wheel chair since a 1972 assassination attempt, said it was the first threat against him during his European trip, which is aimed at giving him a better knowledge of international affairs.

Waves to Guards

Under gray, rainy skies, Mr. Wallace peered across the concrete wall between East and West Berlin and said, "The lesson of this is that we have to keep the West strong."

He gave a derisive wave to

the East German border guards who were staring back at him.

Officials with the Wallace party had ruled out a trip by the Governor into East Berlin because they feared that delays at the border could upset the day's schedule.

Wearing a gray suit and smoking a cigar, Governor Wallace, who is expected to announce his campaign for the Presidency shortly, met with a group of constituents from Alabama, white and black, who are serving with the American forces in West Berlin. He was briefed by American officials about the military and political situation of the city.

The visit ended Mr. Wallace's three-day tour of West Germany during which Chancellor Helmut Schmidt turned down a request to meet him in Bonn. Aides said that Mr. Schmidt was tied down by work but other sources said that as a leading member of the left of center Social Democratic party, he did not want to be identified with the conservative Governor.

Not Critical

Mr. Wallace said later that he had "no criticism whatsoever" about the turnout "since he is the head of state and I am not." The Governor, who had talked with the Prime Ministers of Britain, Belgium and Italy, instead met West German Foreign Minister Hans Dieter Genscher and the Governor of the state of Rhineland Palatinate, Helmut Kohl.

In West Berlin, Mr. Wallace got an unclassified briefing from the American Commandant, Maj. Gen. Joseph C. McDonough, and was the guest at a luncheon given by Deputy Mayor Herman Oxford of Berlin.

During his visit to West Germany Governor Wallace repeatedly called for the continued strength of the American commitment to NATO and said he was wary of détente.

"Détente should be a two-way street and is supposed to relay tensions," he said "The purpose is not for the Soviet Union to come off with a distinct advantage."