



Wallace Critically Wounded; Gunned Down In Maryland



Candidate

Alabama Governor George C. Wallace thrust his finger forward as he announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in Tallahassee, Florida, January 13. Wallace was an unsuccessful third party candidate in the 1968 presidential race.

Reactions

Fear of Further Violence Expressed

His supporters and his opponents alike denounced the shooting Monday of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

Those who worked in Wallace's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination were shocked and angered.

Two of his opponents cancelled some of their campaign appearances. Many officials recalled the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, and lamented for the state of the nation.

Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, the liberal who defeated Wallace last week in the Nebraska Democratic presidential primary, said in Kalamazoo, Mich., "I'm totally shocked by this savage act. If we've gotten to the point in this country where a public figure can't speak out on the issues of the day and seek the presidency without being shot, then I tremble for the future of our nation."

He added, "We can only hope and pray for the speedy recovery of Gov. Wallace and we can only say a prayer for our country."

He said he was suspending until further notice all campaigning for the presidential nomination.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, who last week defeated Wallace in the West Virginia Democratic presidential primary, rushed to the hospital where Wallace, his main opponent in Maryland, was being treated. Humphrey said he planned to go on late Monday with a planned television broadcast from Baltimore beamed to Michigan and Maryland.

"All I can say is, it's a sad business," Humphrey told newsmen. "It's terrible that these things happen. It's getting so you don't know what's going to happen in our country anymore in politics."

President Nixon personally called Mrs. Wallace at her husband's bedside and of-

Alabama Governor George Corley Wallace was seriously wounded yesterday as he campaigned at a Maryland shopping center. He was hit four times by a spray of bullets that also injured three others.

The Justice Department announced it would file charges against Arthur Bremer, 21, for assault on a federal officer and violation of the 1968 Civil Rights Act by assaulting a candidate for an elective office in connection with the shooting of Wallace.

A department spokesman said a warrant would be requested this morning at the U.S. Court in Baltimore and Bremer would be placed under arrest by FBI agents.

Apparently roughed up in the crowd, he was treated for minor injuries. Hoxie said the unnamed individual "probably" was the only person involved in the shooting.

Wallace's condition initially was reported as serious but stable as he underwent surgery starting at about 6 p.m. EDT. Medical concern centered around "a possible spinal cord problem," officials said.

"I have very good hopes as to life," said Wallace's press secretary, Billie Joe Camp.

From the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., came a report that the governor "appeared to be hit three times in the right arm and one time in the right side of the abdomen well below the rib cage."

SS Agent Wounded

A report from the scene said the head of Wallace's Secret Service detail was wounded as he knocked a pistol from the assailant's hand. Also struck by bullets were Capt. E. C. Dothard, chief of Wallace's own security force, wounded in the abdomen, and a woman campaign worker for Wallace, shot in the leg.

Camp said the governor remained conscious after the shooting and remained so throughout the trip to Holy Cross Hospital, a dash during which his attractive, dark-haired wife, Cornelia, was by his side.

"He kept reassuring her he was all right," Camp added.

The shooting occurred in front of a white brick, one-story building housing the Equitable Trust Co. at the shopping center, about 30 miles outside of Baltimore, in the Maryland suburbs 15 miles north of Washington, D.C.

Internal Bleeding Possible

"There is some indication of bleeding internally," said Tom Burke, public affairs officer of the hospital. "At least one pint of

blood has been administered."

The President's personal physician at the White House, Dr. Walter Tkach, was in the surgery suite.

"The surgical-medical team is going to do some exploratory work because of a spinal involvement," Burke said at a press conference, also attended by Maryland's Democratic Gov. Marvin Mandel.

In the surgical team was a vascular specialist, a neurosurgeon and a specialist in internal medicine. The report of "spinal involvement" raised the possibility of some sort of paralysis.

Burke said he was unable to give a better reading on the governor's condition because the surgical team went immediately from the emergency room to the surgery suite to scrub up.

He said he could not say how long the governor would be on the operating table.

Col. Tom Smith, superintendent of the Maryland State Police, said Wallace was shot with a .38-caliber revolver.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., one of Wallace's rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, hurried to the hospital by limousine.

In Washington, President Nixon demanded a full report on the shooting—the second in as many Democratic primary campaigns. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., was slain by Sirhan B. Sirhan in 1968 while campaigning in California.

Mrs. George Mangum of Selma, Ala., an official of Women for Wallace, said she was standing five feet from the governor when the gunfire began.

She declared: "He was going to shake hands with the crowd and he was moving toward his left when someone hollered, 'Please, Gov. Wallace, shake my hand!' He had turned to his left and extended his hand and there were some shots and I saw smoke and he fell backward onto the ground."

"All around people were screaming. I heard four shots, maybe more. They came so fast I thought they were firecrackers. I thought then how silly of someone to do this, and then he fell back."

Describing the bewildered look on the stricken Wallace's face, Mrs. Mangum added: "He was so stunned."

Names of the others shot, in addition to Dothard, were campaign worker Dora Thompson and Secret Service agent Nicholas Zorvas, who was shot in the throat. Doctors said Dothard and Thompson were "not in too bad shape."

"Right after the shooting it was a real mess," said Capt. Everett C. Hoss of the Prince Georges County police. "Everyone started running in and we wanted to get the prisoner out. I wouldn't say they were trying to do him any harm. They only wanted to keep him from getting away."

A physician who attended the 52-year-old Wallace at the scene said he lost the governor's pulse just before the ambulance was driven away.

"He said, 'I can't breathe,' and so I felt then for his pulse again and I couldn't feel his pulse," said Dr. Brian Warren.

No Immediate Ambulance

Warren said an ambulance was not immediately on hand and that Wallace was placed in a station wagon. However, the ambulance arrived at that point and the governor was transferred to it.

Wallace had just finished a 30-minute speech to a crowd of about 1,000 and, as is his practice, began shaking hands with the persons in the crowd.

Jack Ingram, a Wallace supporter, said the would-be assassin-whom he described as having short, blond hair, aged about 30—was a few feet from the governor.

"He kept yelling, 'Hey, George! Hey George!'" Ingram said.

"The man stuck the gun right in his stomach and fired," Ingram added.



Photo courtesy The Hartford Courant

Protestors

Newark residents protest Wallace at a campaign stop during his 1968 drive for the presidency. Wallace termed his hecklers "anarchists," and they called him another Adolf Hitler.

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afraid of them."

In TRIPOD interviews last night, students and faculty at the College expressed fear that yesterday's attempted assassination of George C Wallace might spark a wave of violence and further national divisions. Samuel Hendel, professor of political science, termed the shooting evidence of an undercurrent of violence in American society. This is a violence that reflects the "anarchy of the profoundly alienated or deranged; a violence that is indiscriminate in its victims; a violence that increases in intensity as its moral foundations and justifications crumble," he stated.

Steve Barkan, '73, a member of the Young Democrats, said that he was "sickened" by the assassination attempt. "I agree with Senator George McGovern that we should pray for our country," he said. Barkan commented that a Wallace withdrawal might aid the McGovern candidacy. He explained that both McGovern and Wallace have drawn a good deal of blue-collar support. "Provided McGovern retains his protest image," he concluded, he could pick up many Wallace voters.

Barkan added that he foresaw a great upsurge of sympathy for Wallace if he remained in the race which could hurt McGovern. He also said that many voters would have reservations about voting for a candidate whose health in office might be questioned.

J. Ronald Spencer, assistant professor of history and dean for community life predicted that "Most people will be shocked, saddened, worried, upset," at yet another political assassination.

He noted that people would associate the Wallace assassination attempt with the killings of Martin Luther King, John and Robert Kennedy, and Malcolm X, he said they will want to know why such things keep happening.

Should Wallace die or be so severely incapacitated as to leave the Presidential race, Spencer said "it is historically hard to predict what his supporters will do."

According to Spencer, there is a close analogy between the Wallace campaign of today and the Huey Long campaign of 1935. He says that the candidates had the same type of appeal. "Both drew support on a population platform of tax reform and social change," he explained.

Many Long supporters went with the candidacy of "Liberty Bell" Lemke who tried to follow in Long's steps during the 1936 presidential election.

Others simply dropped out of politics and others joined the New Deal, according to Spencer. He said this demonstrates the difficulties of predicting what Wallace supporters will do.

Thomas Reilly, visiting lecturer in political science, said that at this point, it is too early to gauge how this will affect the Democrats and the Republicans.

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Randy Bauer, another Wallace supporter, said the governor fell backward to the ground after he was shot. "Everybody was grabbing at the man who shot him," Bauer said. "A lot of scuffling and fighting broke out nearby."

Bauer said the man who shot the governor carried Wallace campaign literature and was wearing Wallace buttons and signs pinned to his clothing.

A spokesman for Leland Memorial Hospital said a Secret Service agent wounded in the shooting was in surgery. "I don't know his condition, but it sounds serious," said the spokesman. "I understand he was shot through the neck."

Trooper Shot

The Alabama trooper was shot through the abdomen, according to Wallace's office in Montgomery, and his condition was reported as poor to fair.

Wallace was in the midst of election eve campaigning for Maryland's Democratic presidential primary in his third try for the White House. He ran in 1968 as the candidate of the American Independent party.

The crowd broke up quickly after the shooting. Among those who remained, a woman wearing a Wallace straw hat approached a bearded, long-haired young man wearing a button supporting South Dakota Sen. George S. McGovern.

"Are you happy about this? Is this what you wanted?" she asked. He said no.

A Justice Department spokesman said the Secret Service has recovered a .38 snub-nosed revolver which U.S. Atty. George Beall said was purchased by Bremer last Jan. 13.

Bremer will be taken before a magistrate as soon as possible, probably Tuesday morning, the spokesman said. The Department will request a \$100,000 bond.

Should the wounded Secret Service agent die, penalty under the charge of an assault of a federal officer could be death. Otherwise, the maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

Penalty under the civil rights act violation is life imprisonment if the victim dies. Otherwise, the maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

William Gullett, chief executive of Prince Georges County, said the suspect is a white male, 21 years old, 5-foot, six inches tall with blond hair and blue eyes.

Gullett said the man had previously been arrested on a concealed weapons charge, Oct. 18, 1971, in Wisconsin. He said Bremer was convicted of disorderly conduct following that arrest.

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March on Washington Sunday, May 21

A series of demonstrations will be held this week in Washington in response to President Nixon's escalation of the war in Vietnam. The actions will include lobbying of senators and representatives tomorrow, a demonstration against Standard Oil Thursday, a march on the capitol assembling at the Ellipse at 10 a.m. Sunday, and a blockade of the Pentagon Monday.

Housing will be provided - for information call 1-202-638-6304 or 1-202-493-7024 or 7025.

A group of Trinity students will conduct "nonviolent direct action" at the Federal Building in downtown Hartford today at 4 p.m.

Bus will be chartered by the Hartford Peace Action Coalition: \$6 round-trip, leaving Hartford early Sunday morning.

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