

LAUREL  
**GOVERNOR WALLACE**

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**Good Evening: A tragic event at a shopping center in Laurel, Maryland this afternoon - Alabama's Governor George Wallace - in a primary campaign appearance - shot and seriously wounded. He is being treated by a special medical team - in the Holy Cross hospital in Silver Springs, Maryland. Here's the latest - from CBS News Correspondent Bernard Kalb.**

## LAUREL

*The wounding of Governor Wallace cast a pall over Maryland's presidential primary campaign - and subdued his opponents on the eve of the election. Senator Humphrey - considered to be Wallace's chief opponent in Maryland - cut short his campaigning in Baltimore - when he learned of the shooting and rushed to the hospital in Silver Spring. But Humphrey - and Senator McGovern who was campaigning in Michigan - equated the shooting of Wallace with the fatal wounding of the late Senator Robert Kennedy - and Martin Luther King.*

*Humphrey said - "four years ago we had two tragic events - with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy - those were fatal - and now we have the attack on Governor Wallace - I just hope and pray it is just a wound."*

*McGovern - in Michigan said - "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." Ad McGovern added - "We can only hope and pray for the speedy recovery of Governor Wallace - and we can only say a prayer for our country."

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**Lead for 8:00 P.M. Report**

**Word from the Justice Department a short while ago - identification of the man charged with shooting Governor Wallace this afternoon. The Justice Department names him as - Twenty-One year old Arthur ~~Maximow~~<sup>Bremer</sup> - of Milwaukee. A department spokesman says the secret service has recovered a 38 caliber revolver - which U.S. Attorney George Ball says - was purchased by Bremer - last January 13th.**

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To repeat: The Justice Department has identified Wallace's alleged assailant - as Twenty-One year old Arthur ~~Bremer~~<sup>Bremer</sup> - a white man - from Milwaukee - five foot six inches tall - with blond hair and blue eyes. The Justice Department says that he has one previous conviction - of disorderly conduct - after being arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon - in Wisconsin last October.

The Department says it will ask that he be held in a one-hundred-thousand dollar bond - tomorrow morning.

The formal charge under which he is being held - is violating of the Nineteen-Sixty-Eight Civil Rights Act - in assaulting a candidate for an elective office - also, for assault on a Federal officer - for shooting and seriously wounding the secret service agent. Maximum penalty under either charge is ten and ten - ten years in prison and Ten Thousand Dollars fine. The charges will change - of course, if either victim dies.

**PRESIDENT NIXON**

*President Nixon immediately after learning of the shooting - directed Treasury Secretary Connally to provide secret service protection for Senator Edward Kennedy and Representative Shirley Chisholm. The secret service is in Connally's department.*

*Representative Chisholm is an active candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination but was not given protection at the time agents were assigned to Wallace and four other Democrat aspirants last March. The committee which set the guidelines at that time excluded her because she was not judged to be a major candidate under the panel's criteria.*

*Kennedy is not running and repeatedly has said he will not seek the Democratic nomination - but his brothers - President Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy - were killed by assassins. And word from Washington is that Senator or Edward Kennedy has agreed - to accept the new protection - at least temporarily.*

**To summarize - Governor Wallace is reported to be in a serious but stable condition - undergoing exploratory surgery by a medical team of five doctors.**

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## **KONTUM-BASTOGNE-CAM RANH BAY**

*The latest from Vietnam tells of increasing Communist pressure - on the city of Kontum in the Central Highlands. Enemy tanks rumbling to within a mile-and-a-half of that provincial capital - we are told. Apparently part of an all-out effort - to cut South Vietnam in two.*

*To the North though, heliborne government troops were recapturing today - fire base Bastogne on the road to Hue. This following a hit-and-run raid by South Vietnamese Marines -into nearby enemy-held territory; according to U.S. Vice Admiral William Mack - perhaps the turning point in the battle for the ancient imperial capital of Hue.*

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