First Victory
In the North

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DETROIT, May 16—The voters of Michigan sent George C. Wallace a message of support and sympathy today, handing the stricken Alabama governor his first presidential primary victory ever in a northern state.

NBC news projected Wallace as the winner of the Michigan Democratic race at 8:18 p.m., just 18 minutes after the polls had closed.

He defeated Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey and George S. McGovern to capture the biggest slice of the 132-vote delegation of this traditionally liberal state.

Early indications were that Wallace would capture about half the vote in the seven-man Democratic field.

With 8 per cent of Michigan's 5500 precincts reporting the vote in the Democratic presidential preference primary was:

Wallace 49,732 (46.3%)
McGovern 25,888 (24.1%)
Humphrey 22,851 (21.3%)
Chisholm 3,306 (3.0%)
Others 5,716 (5.3%)

President Nixon overwhelmed his nominal opponent, anti-war congressman Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey, in the Republican primary. There were strong indications that many Republicans and independents had crossed over to vote in the Democratic primary — most of them apparently supporting Wallace.

Interviews during the day in the Detroit suburbs found many Nixon backers voting for Wallace, some of them to express their outrage with the attack on the governor, some to indicate their agreement with his condemnation of busing.

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