

RFK Special To the Young, Says Rocky

MEADVILLE (Pa.) — (AP) — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said today Sen. Robert Kennedy was "someone special to young people" seeking new leadership.

Rockefeller is the first presidential candidate to deliver a post-assassination speech under Secret Service guard.

The New York governor's remark was in a speech prepared for commencement exercises at Allegheny College here.

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Rockefeller, who is seeking the Republican nomination, eulogized the slain New York Democratic senator who conceivably could have been his opponent in November's general election.

He said "all generations were stunned and saddened by the tragic death" Thursday, 28 hours after Kennedy was shot in the brain by an assassin while campaigning for the Democratic nomination.

'A BRIDGE'

"We know," Rockefeller told the graduates, "that he was someone special to young people. He moved and inspired them. We know, therefore, that your sense of

loss is especially deep and painful."

Further eulogizing Kennedy as one who "became a bridge between the generations and between different groups within the nation," Rockefeller said: "Such is one test of the leadership we desperately need in American society today."

And he said young people are expressing "a need we all feel, a need for leadership that can sense and understand the winds of change — leadership that will channel these youthful hopes, win the trust of all races, restore the confidence of Americans in themselves."

"Though his years were few — he was only 42 when he died — he lived a lifetime filled with meaning," Rockefeller said. "He brought understanding and communication to the poor and the exploited."

It is in that way, Rockefeller said, that "we need to break down the barriers and build bridges between all the divided segments of America."