

STABBING OF SEWARD IN 1865 IS RECALLED

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CHICAGO, April 9—Dr. John K. Lattimer said today that there was a "striking parallel" in one aspect of the stabbing of Secretary of State William H. Seward on the night President Lincoln was shot and Mrs. John F. Kennedy's "acute amnesia" immediately after President Kennedy was shot.

Dr. Lattimer, chairman of the urology department at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and a Civil War authority, said:

"Fanny Seward's amnesia for many of the things that she was quoted by other witnesses as having said and done during the moments when she saw her father and her brother being butchered before her eyes brings to mind Mrs. Kennedy's amnesia for her actions in the horrible moments just after her husband was shot."

Dr. Lattimer's views were expressed in a medical analysis of the Seward stabbing published in The Journal of the American Medical Association. Lincoln was shot April 14, 1865, and he died on April 15.

The attempted assassination of Seward was part of a plot, the objects of which were Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson and perhaps others. Seward's assailant was Lewis Payne a Confederate deserter.