

'Mental Aid Bill Would Honor JFK'

Palmyra, Wis. — UPI — Jefferson County Judge Charles Kading Wednesday urged members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation to work for passage of President John Kennedy's program to promote mental health "as a personal legislative memorial to the president."

Kading, in letters to Senators William Proxmire and Gaylord Nelson and Representative Robert Kastenmeier, said "memorials to President Kennedy include many beautiful and heartfelt words. There will be others of steel and marble. Why not also a legislative memorial?"

He said that while the late president and the American Medical association differed in aspects of medical care, they were agreed that "mental health is the greatest health problem in the nation today.

"Was the assassin mentally well?" asked Kading. "Can the self-appointed executioner be so considered? These acts of horror and violence must be turned to some good purpose."

Kading contended that the mental health program would curtail the opportunities of mentally ill who are potentially dangerous and would enable curable millions living in or out of institutions to enjoy "productive, satisfying lives.

"John F. Kennedy would welcome such a memorial beyond any other that is attainable now," the judge said.