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THE WEATHER: Clear and cool after dark; sunny and mild tomorrow.

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HALLORAN TRANSFERS HALT AS NEW SETUP IS STUDIED

Ban on Admissions Off During Change to Smaller Facility

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Further transfers of patients from Halloran VA Hospital are being delayed and the ban on admissions has been lifted as officials work out details for the operation of a smaller facility.

Shortly after Governor Dewey told an Island delegation at Albany yesterday that the VA had been granted a lease on "about half of its present space" at the Willowbrook institution until Dec. 31, 1952, the VA announced in Washington that the "new" Halloran would include 740 beds.

Beds will be available for paraplegics, general medical and surgical cases and one pavilion will be set aside for tuberculosis patients.

Neuropsychiatric cases will be transferred to the Peekskill VA Hospital, which is now under construction and should be available next month.

868 Employees to Stay

Officials expect the retention of 868 employees. As of yesterday, there were 1,339. The difference will be reassigned to Fort Hamilton or Peekskill hospitals and officials expect "the normal attrition" of those who leave the field.



Jubilant Republicans surround Governor Thomas E. Dewey as he reads a statement announcing that half of Halloran VA Hospital's facilities will be retained for veterans' use. Left to right are Leo D'A. Balbach, second district commander of the American Legion; Assemblyman Frank McMullen of Brooklyn; J. Joyce Klingler, George W. Gatz, Republican County Chairman Edward A. Buppell, and Frank A. Pavis.

Dewey made his public announcement after he met with Edward A.