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## Punctured Procedures

The district attorney's investigation of personnel hiring procedures at Willowbrook State School shows the need for some swift changes.

Willie (The Actor) Sutton, who successfully caught on at the city's Farm Colony while hiding out, could have done just as well at the state's institution.

An ex-convict and former inmate of a mental hospital was hired as an attendant without his real identity or his background being discovered, although his fingerprints were taken and he went through the motions of filling out an application form.

The procedure for the hiring of this man, now accused of beating two boys at the school, was a farce. It was a head-on collision between bureaucracy and free thinking, with bureaucracy scoring a clean knockout.

The filing of the application form must have had its somewhat ludicrous moments. The job-seeker was allowed to record his weight as 109 pounds, although he is large and heavy (more than 200 pounds).

Of his four references, two had never heard of him, a third was doubtful and the fourth came through with an approval. But by the time that happened he was already on the job and nobody seemed to care.

The checkup on his fingerprints was not ludicrous; it was downright fantastic.

The applicant recorded his race as "colored" so that the State Civil Service Commission in Albany merely checked through the "colored" file.

What kind of a system does the commission have, separate files for "red," "white" and "blue"?

Whatever it is, it offers a wonderful dodge for anyone who wants to earn some cash and yet drop out of sight.

And if the filling out of the form and the follow-up weren't enough, the applicant was shown even greater leniency. He was allowed to carry the papers from building to building during the processing.

This one case shows the serious loopholes existing not only at Willowbrook but also at Albany.

We grant that government may find it difficult to fill certain jobs, what with the pay offered in these days of inflation, but that's no reason to lack safeguards.

Changes in procedure have been indicated for the Island institution. They should be carried out all along the line.

## Error Blamed For Mixup on Tuccillo Prints

An error in marking Ralph Tuccillo's race on his application for a job at Willowbrook State School was disclosed today by District Attorney Sidney O. Simonson, who is investigating the employment there of a former prisoner and mental hospital patient.

The probe into Tuccillo's appointment is an outgrowth of charges against the Tompkinsville man, who is accused of beating two boys at the school. Simonson obtained the fingerprint record which accompanied Tuccillo's application to the State Civil Service Commission for a job as an attendant, and had it checked by the city Police Criminal Identification Bureau.

Simonson said he plans to question clerical employes at the Willowbrook institution because the record lists Tuccillo's race as "colored" instead of white. The record also gives an assumed name, John J. Martini. The police check shows that the prints are Tuccillo's, Simonson said, thus eliminating the possibility that he had used a stand-in.