

# ROCKEFELLER CITES S.I. PIER POTENTIAL

Sees Business and Job  
Future in Idle City Docks  
—Visits State School

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Governor Rockefeller said yesterday that he knew of nothing that offered a greater potential for economic development and job opportunity than the rehabilitation of the city-owned piers on Staten Island.

He declined to commit himself, however, whether the piers should be turned over to the Port of New York Authority for development and operation as has been proposed.

The Governor spent the afternoon on the island, dividing his time between state business and politics.

His remarks about the piers were made at the annual picnic of the Richmond County Republican organization at Sea Breeze after he had made a brief tour of the idle and dilapidated piers.

Earlier, he had visited the Willowbrook School, the state's largest institution for the mentally retarded.

### Shows Keen Interest

Mr. Rockefeller, who was accompanied by Dr. Paul Hoch, state Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and Dr. Harold H. Berman, director of Willowbrook, showed a keen interest in research on the use of hormones in improving the physical and mental condition of the young male patients.

The progress of the experiments, which began last February and involved fifty boys to the age of 14, was explained by Dr. Max Reiss, research director.

The experiments are believed to be the first performed in this country. Staff members reported to the Governor that the effect of the treatment had been encouraging in some cases, changing unteachable boys to

teachable ones. A further effect has been to strengthen the patient's power to resist the imposition of another's will and to act independently.

The Governor also visited one of six new buildings, each of which will have an uncrowded capacity of 120 patients. Two of the buildings have been opened and a third will be ready Sept. 21. The new buildings are for children less than 5 years old.

Mr. Rockefeller's visit to the piers was made at the request of State Senator John J. Marchi, Assemblyman Lucio Russo and Assemblyman Edward Amman, who for three years had been urging the city to release the piers to the Port Authority.

All but three of the eighteen city-owned piers on the island have been idle since World War II. The Governor posed for pictures before a pier with its windows smashed and the iron doors and siding rusting away.

Asked whether he favored the Port Authority taking over the piers, he replied:

"Well, they are anxious to and ready to and want to put money

into them. Their condition indicates they should be put into order."

Greeted at the entrance to the picnic ground by the Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Richmond County, Mr. Rockefeller mounted a gray horse and led the posse on a ride through the grounds.

Referring to the piers, the Governor said:

"As part of the program of economic development and increased job opportunities in this state, I know of nothing that offers greater potential than those great piers that are here on Staten Island and are lying idle. I don't know how we are going to find the answer. They are in the city's hands but the answer has got to be found."