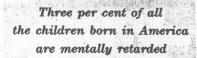


This is how a boy looked at Willowbrook State School before treatment.



Same boy eight months later. He was given hormone injections which aid some cases among mental defectives.

These charming children appear normal but both are victims of and ardation.



Study this chart: it reveals the relation between some sicknesses and the sizes of groups affected:

(Of each 100,000 population)	
Mentally retarded	3,000
Rheumatic heart	700
Cerebral palsy	350
Polio (permanent)	300
Blindness	200



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THE QUIET ONES

By DICK OWEN

WHILE MOST PERSONS are aware of the scourges of polio, cerebral palsy, heart disease and similar illnesses that attack children in the United States, too few know anything about the malevolent giant known as mental retardation, whose victims number more than five million.

Annual campaigns, well-advertised and supported, have made most of us aware of childhood cripplers, but the mentally retarded children are too rarely the subjects of nationwide appeals, or newspaper articles.

Mental retardation strikes everywhere; in the palace or the hovel, among the families of the intelligent or the ignorant. No one is immune. Its manifestations range from hideous physical deformities to deficiencies in intelligence. It cripples. It may be allied with blindness, spasticity, (Continued on page 20)