

# Country LINES

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Dr. Paul H. Hoch, state commissioner of mental hygiene, told some 250 listeners Wednesday that the new Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation to be



Ground breakers are (l.-r.) Albert Maniscalco, Lou Russo, Gov. Rockefeller, and Ed Amani.

built in Willowbrook will be the forerunner of some 10 others to be constructed throughout the country.

Ground for the \$7 million center, to be located adjacent to the Willowbrook State School, was broken by Gov. Rockefeller, with an assist from Borough President Al Maniscalco. Also on hand were the entire slate of Staten Island legislators who were instrumental in getting the institute built.

Visiting the site was Sen. Bill Conklin of Brooklyn, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation, and Sen. Earl Brydges of Niagara, the former chairman, both of whom pushed to get construction of the institute initiated.

### Mental Retardation Answers Sought

Hoch said the new five-story building will bring together experts in various fields of medicine to seek the answer to the causes



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of mental retardation. The staff will be under the direction of Dr. George A. Jervis, presently on the staff at Letchworth Village.

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