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Gov. Rockefeller has allocated additional funds to improve conditions at Willowbrook State School - in response, obviously, to Sen. Kennedy's criticism.

But no such solace is in store for Willowbrook's overflow of 208 mentally retarded youngsters now housed in ancient, once-abandoned Gouverneur Hospital.

Says the director of Willowbrook "Gouverneur will remain as it is until such time as it is no longer needed."

And just when will that be?

Plainly it will be far, far in the future - unless public indignation and political heat force the Governor to intervene as he did in the case of Willowbrook and and