Jury Mild on Willowbrook; Most Faults Already Righted

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During a six-month investigation of conditions at Willowbrook State School last year, a grand jury found evidence of overcrowding, shortages of staff personnel and defective equipment.

The grand jury's findings are contained in a seemingly mild-worded report that differs greatly, at least in tone, from U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's charges a year ago that mentally retarded patients at Willowbrook and another state school lived under "intolerable" and "zoo-like" conditions.

District Attorney John M. Braisted Jr., who started the grand jury investigation into Willowbrook the previous June, invited Kennedy to testify before the grand jury after he made the charges. The senator declined, how-ever, saying he had no evidence of any criminality that would contribute to the investigation.

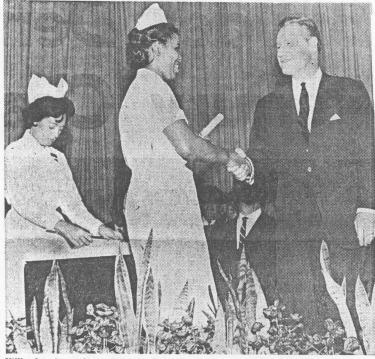
The grand jury report, filed last Dec. 22, was made public vesterday by Supreme Court Justice James C. Crane.

According to the section of the Code of Criminal Procedure under which the report was submitted, the judge could not degrees. release it until he had inspected the grand jury minutes to determine whether there was any violation of the The report observed that Dr. "Although efforts had been statute.

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