



RESPOND TO THALER ON HOSPITALS: Dr. Henry F. Ryan, left, and Dr. James B. Parris, officials of a city hospital association of staff physicians, at a news conference yesterday. They attacked the allegations of State Senator Seymour R. Thaler.

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'Smear and Scare' Charged to Thaler By City's Doctors

By TERENCE SMITH

An association of staff physicians at the city's hospitals charged yesterday that State Senator Seymour R. Thaler was employing "smear and scare tactics" in his sweeping indictment of medical practices in the municipal institutions.

Two spokesmen for the 1,500-member Committee of Internes and Residents denied the charges made Tuesday by the Queens Democrat on the Senate floor, describing them as "malicious, irresponsible and untrue."

"The smear and scare tactics of the Senator not only falsely impugn the ability and integrity of the house staff physicians who service the hospitals," the committee said in a statement, "they also frighten patients at these hospitals and threaten

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arded children at Willowbrook State Hospital on Staten Island was "unethical, immoral and illegal." Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver.

"The program violates the legal and moral rights of the children, who are being used as guinea pigs," he said. "It is a pure research program and has, in specific instances, harmed some of the children involved in the study."

On Tuesday, Senator Thaler charged that Willowbrook had injected 500 mentally retarded children, between the ages of 3 and 9, with live hepatitis virus as part of a research program. Officials at the hospital confirmed that a hepatitis research study had been under way for 11 years, but they insisted that the injections had been done with the consent of the parents and that the result was a sub-