

Willowbrook workers wage fight for jobs

Some provisional workers at the Willowbrook State School are continuing their fight against new civil service procedures which would result in dismissal or demotion for many provisional employees.

At a noon meeting yesterday about 30 persons decided to stage an afternoon demonstration tomorrow at the school's front gate on Victory Blvd., Willowbrook. Today six delegates are visiting the governor's chambers in Albany to press for job security and suspension of the Career Ladder Program which they claim favors better educated, but not necessarily better qualified workers.

The group's chief complaint is that provisional workers who have been receiving satisfactory ratings would be replaced by new personnel who

have passed the civil service test and have an adequate amount of schooling. According to members of the group, some provisional employees have been receiving satisfactory ratings on jobs where the only eligible employees under the Career Ladder Program must have two years of college.

On Feb. 22, the group sent more than a busload of workers to Albany to confer with officials of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Mental Hygiene. The group was told that the Department of Mental Hygiene would recommend to the Civil Service Commission that the Career Ladder Program be suspended.

The group of workers called it "unfair that people who have already demonstrated their ability to do a job satisfactorily are required to take a test to do the same job."