

Retardate shifts
blocked by court

A Manhattan Supreme Court order has blocked the city from beginning today the transfer of 194 mentally retarded children from a Lower East Side institution that was due to close as an economy measure.

The order, obtained yesterday by a group of parents, prohibits any transfers from Gouverneur Hospital before next Monday, when a hearing is scheduled on a request for a permanent injunction.

Murray B. Snipps, who represented the parents, contended the proposed transfer to the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island posed the threat of death to their children because of overcrowding in that institution.