

cerebral palsy, was interrogated by two assistant directors of the institution about his relationship with Dr. Wilkins and, according to an affidavit signed by Carabello, about the doctor's personal life.

When Carabello refused to answer questions about Dr. Wilkins' private life, the affidavit read, he was threatened and warned he would be "locked up where no one would see him and he would see no one."

Dr. Wilkins, who has been active in organizing parents of Willowbrook patients to seek re-

form in the institution, has expressed the frustration which he has faced in treating patients at the state institution.

"Bodies of patients are covered with scratches, bruises and scars. There is a 100 per cent incidence of hepatitis throughout the institution and rampant parasites," Dr. Wilkins said.

"Worst of all is the emptiness of a life spent sitting on the floor with no clothes in a big room, going weeks and days without being spoken to. These are the preventable conditions at Willowbrook that we have sought to change.

"But one can't stop the scars and bruises inflicted by patients who are crowded next to each other and forced to fight each other for attention, clothing and scraps of paper on the floor to play with.

"One cannot stop hepatitis or parasites which are spread by feces, unless one can stop having 70 children share the same toilet. One cannot treat retarded people as humans unless more training staff and pleasant surroundings are available."

Mrs. Lee, whose interest in Willowbrook is intensified by the fact that she has a 16-year-

old brother who is retarded, was praised unabashedly by her immediate supervisor, Miss Dianne Fredericks.

"Mrs. Lee is an excellent worker," Miss Fredericks said. "She is a concerned case worker who has tried to plan for her families and children as effectively as possible. She was one of the best people we've ever had.

"I'd say," Miss Fredericks continued, "that Elizabeth was one of the best things that's happened to Willowbrook. She was able to effect change when necessary.

"We are very sorry that she was fired. I hope that the administration will be forced to reinstate her, and if they do, we'll welcome her with open arms."

Parents and relatives of patients in Building 6, where Dr. Wilkins was assigned, have reportedly begun circulating petitions demanding his reinstatement.

One group of angered parents has allegedly threatened that if Dr. Wilkins is not reinstated, they will blockade Building 6, denying entrance or exit to anyone, until he is back on the job.