



Parents and other demonstrators, some in tears, stand outside one of the buildings of Willowbrook State School.

Several men and women protestors joined Macort in trying to force their way in, but what nearly turned into a brawl ended when one of the guards shouted that the door was locked.

With a brief pause in the shoving and shouting, a new throng of demonstrators pushed toward the locked door, this time led by Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneier. Schneier is president of the Federation of Parents Organizations for the New York State Mental Institutions.

Schneier and Macort teamed up for a combined effort at kicking down the front door, while Mrs. Schneier repeatedly hit a guard on the head and shoulders with the stick of a placard she was carrying as the man blocked the entrance.

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Dr. Hammond had stated that he would meet with the parents, but this did not diminish the action by Mrs. Schneier, who divided her attention between the guard and the window to the telephone operator's office.

When efforts failed to kick down the door or break through the screen, someone produced a pair of scissors with which Schneier first punched holes in the screen and then tried in vain to pick the lock on the door.

The door was opened — from the inside — and the demonstrators moved in for a confrontation with Dr. Hammond.

Reporters attempted to question Macort, Schneier and Dr. Hammond, but virtually nothing was answered because of the steady onslaught of progressively louder demonstrators, each with something to inject.

Red-faced, Dr. Hammond's usually blustery manner was dwarfed by Schneier and Ma-

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