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## Willowbrook Groups Seek a Compromise

A move toward compromise between the director of the troubled Willowbrook State School on Staten Island and two dismissed employes was made early yesterday at a seven-hour meeting between state mental hygiene officials and a parents' group, the state officials said.

Dr. Jack Hammond, director of the school for the retarded, fired Dr. Michael Wilkins and Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, both provisional employes on a one-year trial, after they had met with parents without informing him. The school was a center of public fears that care was poor because of a serious shortage of staff resulting from the estate's hiring freeze.

### "Work at Reconciliation"

State Mental Hygiene Commissioner Alan D. Miller and representatives of the Benevolent Society for the Retarded Children of Willowbrook, the parents' group, met Thursday night and early yesterday. Dr. Miller and the parents agreed to "work at a reconciliation" of the employes and Hammond in order to achieve the employes' reinstatement, Miller said.

Since the firings this month, Gov. Rockefeller provided emergency funds to hire more staff.