

## Commissioner Won't Reinstate Two Dismissed at Willowbrook

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Acknowledging that reconciliation efforts had failed, Dr. Alan D. Miller, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, announced yesterday that a doctor and a social worker dismissed from the Willowbrook State School for mental defectives will not be reinstated.

The two, Dr. Michael Wilkins and Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, were dismissed Jan. 4 by Willowbrook's director, Dr. Jack Hammond, who said he found them "impossible to work with."

Dr. Hammond has said he dismissed the two from the state school on Staten Island because of repeated violations of departmental regulations. They contend they were dismissed because they showed newsmen and citizens groups deplorable conditions in which Willowbrook's mentally retarded patients live.

Other Willowbrook employees, feeling that the Wilkins-Lee

charges blamed them for poor patient care, approved Dr. Hammond's dismissal of the pair.

Dr. Miller's change of mind drew a strong protest from Anthony Pinto, president of the Benevolent Society for the Retarded Children of Willowbrook, a parents organization.

Mr. Pinto charged that Dr. Miller had "relinquished his administrative authority and bowed to the union."

Dr. Hammond is scheduled today to testify for the second time before the Richmond County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. This organization, incorporated only last month, has been conducting public hearings all week on conditions at Willowbrook.

Dr. Hammond promised Monday that he would return today with detailed information about patients who have died at Willowbrook.