



Congressman Murphy addresses the crowd at the rally.

# Willowbrook rally: Discontent in cold

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Yesterday's Willowbrook Rally in Willowbrook Park was marked by red-runny noses, frozen toes and clattering teeth.

Originally scheduled to be held in the auditorium of Willowbrook State School, the rally was moved outdoors at the request of Dr. Jack Hammond, director of the institution, when he said he feared a large gathering would disrupt patient care.

Nearly 400 people stood in the park, huddled together for warmth, and shouted at nearly every politician who spoke from the platform. The crowd was reportedly made up mostly of parents seeking improved conditions for the patients.

Congresswoman Bella Abzug, who called conditions at Willowbrook an "obscenity," was the best received of all guest speakers yesterday.

"The politicians," Mrs. Abzug said, "let things go from disgraceful to unspeakable, then give a little and call it progress."

"Gov. Rockefeller suddenly has come up with \$5 million in funds for the Department of Mental Hygiene and promised \$20 million more in April. He is giving us nothing," said Mrs. Abzug, "he is only restoring what he previously took away."

"We must tell the politicians we don't want more money spent on roads. That we don't want more money spent on the war. That we don't want it spent on military programs. They must know that we want the money spent in areas of human need."

Holt Meyer, borough development director, was booed non-stop from the moment he said he represented Mayor Lindsay.