

"But," he said, "the money does not go directly for patient care. The funds, which total more than \$124 million, not counting state money, are used to pay off bonds floated for the construction of mental health facilities" and, in some cases, highway construction.

... JANUARY 16, 1972, Parents get show cause order to rescind director's memo of December 3, 1971.

... Willowbrook given top priority by state, an additional 300 persons will be hired.

... JANUARY 17, 1972, Dr. Hammond reports that the dollar situation at Willowbrook looks "gloomy." \$300,000 worth of bills outstanding. "The writing is on the wall. Willowbrook will have to resort to cutting back on personal care for patients to scrape up the \$300,000."

... JANUARY 17, 1972, Dr. Hammond was reported to have rescinded the memo of December 3, 1971. Judge Garbarino grants the state attorney general a week's extension to draw up new guidelines for staff meeting with parents.

... JANUARY 27, 1972, Benevolent Society passes a resolution calling for the dismissal of Dr.'s Hammond, Sternlicht and Jacobs. It is reported that Lee and Wilkins are reinstated and that Dr. Hammond has been fired. A group of employees stages a walk-out and holds a rally to show their support for Dr. Hammond.

... Judge Garbarino grants state a second extension to finish new guidelines. Legal aid attorney Robert Feldt states that Dr. Hammond's desire to approve meetings held by staff and parents is unacceptable.

... JANUARY 29, 1972, Unsigned pamphlet alluding to political ties and personalities of Dr.'s Wilkins and Bronston distributed to all patient buildings. "All Parents Unite! Don't let Dr. Hammond be forced out. Who Will Be Next?"

... SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1972. Employees are posted to explain and distribute unsigned pamphlet to visiting parents in building lobbies.

... JANUARY 31, 1972, first day of hearings held by the S.I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children inboro Hall.

Presiding over the hearings are Councilman Biondillo, Councilman Poste, Anthony Gaeta, and Father John Serviddio.

Dr. Hammond was the only person testifying and he explained the difficulties in communicating with the State Department of Mental Hygiene. He read several letters and memos sent from his office to show his many attempts to appraise Albany of the conditions at Willowbrook.

Councilman Postel asked Dr. Hammond about pregnancies and abortions. Dr. Hammond said that there is an average of three a year and no abortions.

... FEBRUARY 1, 1972, Memo from director Hammond: To all employees: "First let me assure you that I am still Director of Willowbrook. Be especially wary of unsigned, scurrilous printed materials. They do us no good; in fact, they do us great harm."

... Rally of employees during day shift and evening shift. Employee rally during day showed feelings against reinstatement of two fired employees. A standing ovation was given at the night rally when the names of the two employees were mentioned.

... Attendant Barbara Wright testified at the S.P.C.C. hearings concerning the death of Sharon Smalls. Miss Wright explained how the child began to choke while being fed. "We wheeled Sharon in her crib to the treatment room and told the nurse that she was choking and should be suctioned."

"The nurse, Miss Barton, gave Sharon an injection and told us to administer oxygen. The phone rang and the nurse went to answer it. She was gone for ten minutes and in that time it appeared that Sharon was dead."

Miss Wright could not say officially that Sharon Smalls was dead because the doctor must give the official word. Miss Wright finished her testimony by saying that when she went to Dr. Jacobs concerning the child's death he threw up his hands and said, "It is not my problem."

... FEBRUARY 4, 1972, "After six days of intensive discussion," Dr. Miller, Commissioner of State Dept. of Mental Hygiene announced that, "In the best interest of maintaining patient care and employee morale, the two dismissed provisional employees would not be re-employed at Willowbrook State School."

... FEBRUARY 4, 1972, Wilkins and Lee will not testify. Ira Raab, attorney for the SPCC panel said: "The panel is considering bringing appropriate legal action in the state courts to compel these uncooperative witnesses to appear and give sworn testimony to support their public accusations."

... FEBRUARY 4, 1972, Dr. Jack Hammond shows the medical record of Sharon Smalls. He indicates that the data for the three days prior to her death was not entered in her record. "This is the responsibility of the same people who are making the complaint."

Dr. Jacobs testified that her cause of death was Bronchial Pneumonia.

... FEBRUARY 5, 1972, The Willowbrook Rally Committee holds rally in Willowbrook Park. A crowd of 250-300 people heard the speeches of Congressman Murphy, S.I.; Congresswoman Bella Abzug; Assemblyman Koch.

... FEBRUARY 6, 1972, Councilman Frank Biondillo charged that "a deal" had been made by the state with two dismissed employees to reinstate them and oust the school's director, Dr. J. Hammond, "within six weeks."

... FEBRUARY 7, 1972, Assemblyman Andrew Stein (D-Man.) introduced a bill in Albany to upgrade and revamp the care of the mentally retarded and to give authority voice to the patients in setting policy for local programs.

... FEBRUARY 8, 1972, Gene Eisner, lawyer for Wilkins and Lee, told of a conversation he had with Dr. Miller, Mental Hygiene Commissioner, on January 29th. "Dr. Miller told me that Dr. Hammond had given a lifetime of devoted service and that he would like to be able to allow him to leave with dignity."

... FEBRUARY 10, 1972, Rep. Edward I. Koch (D-Man.) has suggested that state institutions such as Willowbrook State School to institute a program of their patients' actual in-depth appraisal.

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