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## Centers for Retarded In Queens Are Toured

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After seeing the "worst of things" at Willowbrook, a panel of special federal probers made a visit yesterday to some of the "best" facilities for the retarded — two smaller, community-based programs in Corona, Queens.

But even one of those programs is suffering, as is Willowbrook, from fund shortages, its director said. For lack of money to hire more staff, he said, his school cares for only 52 of the 192 retarded persons that it was built to accommodate.

Dr. Bertram Brown, director of the National Institute of Mental Health and chairman of the special panel called in to recommend improvements in the state's facilities for the retarded, and a dozen other federal officials, who toured Willowbrook Monday on the first day of a two-day visit,

dropped in yesterday on the Queens Occupational Training Center, 41-15 104th St., and the Queens State School, 37-10 144th St.

It was Brown who contrasted what he saw on the two days of tours as the "worst of things" and the "best of things."

Brown said many of the patients at Willowbrook could be in programs similar to the two he saw in Queens. He said the Queens patients are the "same" as the youngsters "we saw vegetating in Willowbrook."