

More than 300 union workers and their families stood outside the Willowbrook State School in a strong chilly breeze yesterday, attempting to turn away workers and volunteers passing the picket lines to take care of the institution's 5,300 patients.

For the day shift, 72 volunteers turned up to augment the staff who elected to stay despite the strike started by the Civil Service Employees Association against the state.

A table to coordinate the volunteer effort was set up in Building 1 on the vast grounds of the Staten Island hospital for retarded people ranging in age from 9 months to 82 years.

Some of the volunteers came in groups. One was composed of two nuns from Our Lady of Labor Catholic Church in West New York, N. J., and four high school youths.

"This is a cruel thing they are doing," said John Diomede of North Bergen, one of the helpers. "I don't care what the cause is."

Another volunteer group of three was composed of members of the Village Independent Democrats—Herman Gerson, a chemist and vice president of the club; Lillian Shapiro, the club's 64-year-old treasurer, and Connie Oliven. "We're here to do whatever we can and work as long as we can," said Mr. Gerson.

A few parents of retarded children—about 175 in all—withdrawn patients from the state school because they feared that essential services would not be provided.

Inside the hospital, reporters were taken on a tour of three buildings. Conditions appeared to be normal, except for two-hour delays in meals. The normal meat supplement to the spaghetti lunch was also dropped because of shortage of kitchen help.

According to the administration, the normal Saturday day staff is 466. Yesterday, there were 195 workers who passed the lines, 154 more from the night shift who agreed to stay over and 72 volunteers, for a total of 421.

At 5:45 P.M., Charles Franchini, an investigator from the State Attorney General's office served an injunction on Felton King, 25-year-old captain of the strike committee, outside the entrance of the Willowbrook School.

Mr. Franchini told newsmen



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COLD LUNCH was served at Willowbrook cafeteria

that the injunction was "a cease and desist order," but he declined to discuss it further.

For the afternoon shift beginning at 3:15 P.M., however, the staff complement dropped. Of the 319 persons scheduled to work, the administration said, only 62 appeared.

Dr. Jack Hammond, the hospital director, said he had discussed with Frederick Grunberg, deputy commissioner of the Department of Mental Hygiene, emergency measures that could be taken if the situation at the hospital became "critical." He said that things had not yet reached that point, but that they might today.

Some of the volunteers expressed dismay at the strike. "I can see the telephone company workers going out on strike, but we're talking about a lot of little kids in this situation, and that's a different situation," said Stanley Sury, a volunteer from Purchase, N. Y.

#### Qualifications Questioned

The state provided some additional help. Mardy C. Kinney, a nutritionist from Albany, was flown by helicopter to coordinate food services.

The strikers contended that volunteers were not qualified to take care of the severely disturbed patients.

Mrs. James L. Bailey, an aide, said that with spastic patients, for example, there was a danger they would choke on their food if not fed expertly. She also warned about contagion from illnesses such as hepatitis. "People can pick up serious diseases," she said.

Some of the volunteers, wanting to avoid the pickets at the front gate, entered the hospital through a woods adjoining the grounds.

Four union members were arrested outside the gates. They were held five hours at the 122d Precinct station in New Dorp, charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration.

According to one of them, Thomas P. Delaney, he "stumbled on a pebble" and fell in the path of a truck going into the hospital. Then, according to Mr. Delaney, two other union members—Tyrone Daniels and Allen Iverson—fell on top of him. "They're very good fallers," he remarked.

Another union member, Gladys Holmes, was also arrested.

## Volunteers Aid Patients At Willowbrook School

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