

He added that most of the people to be sent upstate have been abandoned by their families in the city.

In addition to the hiring of attendants, Willowbrook was directed to increase its nursing staff by 85. This part of the order has not been met. Ristich noted that, as of a few weeks ago, 92 nurses were hired but losses have brought the figure below compliance level.

Thirty physical therapists, some licensed and others as assistants, were ordered by the court to be hired, and this total has not yet been reached.

#### MORE TEAMS

Two United Cerebral Palsy Association teams, however, have begun work at Willowbrook, each with one licensed therapist. Further arrangements have been made with United Cerebral Palsy to provide 15 more teams, each to consist of a licensed physical therapist and a registered nurse.

Eight of these physical therapists have already been recruited.

As a further measure to comply with this aspect of the order, Willowbrook has arrived at an agreement with the Division of Mental Retardation and Long Island University.

LIU will establish a master's program in developmental disabilities, and 20 candidates for the degree will use Willowbrook as their field training center.

Dr. Ristich noted that, by fall, fall, the physical therapist aspect of the order will be met fully.

"This is not to say we won't hire physical therapy assistants before the fall. We may be in compliance before the LIU program materializes, but we'll do it anyway," he said.

An increase in the number of doctors was also ordered by the court. Ristich claimed that Willowbrook will be in compliance by July 19.

Recreation staffers were also to be increased. The current

recreation staff is working with ward personnel to develop programs and to see that residents are taken outdoors.

Dr. Ristich estimated that 60 more recreation staffers are needed and that recruitment is underway.

"At present, the chiefs of service assure me that their residents are being taken outside. A system of entering this information in a log is being worked out so that monitoring will be possible," he stated in the affidavit.

The court ordered that all toilets be repaired at Willowbrook, but lawyers for the residents claim there are still many broken toilets.

In his affidavit, Dr. Ristich said that problems result from toilets being "rendered inoperable over and over again," and from work orders for repairs "not being put in when they should."

#### REPAIRS DRAG ON

Willowbrook attendants have said that even with work orders submitted, repairs often take a long time.

Ristich claimed that to counter the problem of broken toilets, the housekeeping staff must inspect all toilets and report the inoperable ones before they go off duty each day.

The court also ordered that Willowbrook approve a contract with an accredited hospital to care for its acutely ill. Currently Willowbrook is negotiating with the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Clifton.

Robert Feldt, one of the lawyers representing Willowbrook residents, considers the projected number of necessary attendants and recreation staffers inadequate and called the hiring of students "a stopgap measure."

He claimed, however, that he thought progress was being made in the hiring of physical therapists.