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## Willowbrook Employee Forced Inmates to Try Sex, Judge Told

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A Legal Aid Society interne testified in Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday that an employe of the Willowbrook Development Center was dismissed in August for having attempted to force two young inmates to have sexual intercourse in one of the wards at the Staten Island facility a month earlier.

Stephanie Brand, a third-year student at New York Law school, said she had learned of the incident while analyzing the types and frequency of injuries to patients at Willowbrook. The incident never was recorded in the injury forms, Mrs. Brand said, because Willowbrook officials insisted that neither of the two patients involved, a 14-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl, had been injured.

Mrs. Brand's testimony came in the third day of a hearing before Judge Orrin G. Judd on a suit seeking to have Willowbrook closed and its patients transferred to smaller residences or to their own or foster homes.

Mrs. Brand said the incident was not recorded until the employe was dismissed. According to the dismissal report, she said that the employe showed the retarded boy how to undress himself and the girl, then took the two into a shower stall and tried to make them have intercourse. The employe invited other attendants to watch, Mrs. Brand testified.

Earlier, lawyers for the plaintiffs, the State Association for the Retarded and parents of

some patients produced two expert witnesses who maintained that smaller residential units and foster homes were superior to and cheaper than large institutions for the care and development of the mentally retarded.

Linda Glenn, executive director of the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation in Omaha, gave several examples of people considered hopelessly retarded in institutions who had been taught to care for themselves, to eat, to talk, to attend school and even to find gainful employment when moved to smaller group residences and foster homes.

Francis Kelly, superintendent of the Mansfield Training School, Mansfield Depot, Conn., criticized what he said was Willowbrook's lack of toys and recreational facilities.

"There were no children holding and cuddling stuffed animals," he said. "The stuffed animals were locked away or used as ornaments." The only time he saw the gymnasium in use, Mr. Kelly said, was when he found two employes shooting baskets.

During the day, in Greenwich Village, more than 30 civic leaders and parents of mentally retarded children charged Governor Wilson with foot-dragging for not having acquired recreational space next to the Sheridan Unit of the state-operated Manhattan Development Services Center.

Without open-air areas, they said, patients would be confined indoors permanently.

The group met at the center, at 75 Morton Street, and later toured the facility under the leadership of Henry J. Stern, Manhattan Councilman at large. In mid-June, the state announced that it was negotiating for the purchase of the 8,175-square-foot lot.