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More criticism of Willowbrook

Dr. James Clements, director of the Georgia State Retardation Center, made several criticisms of how the mentally retarded are treated at Willowbrook Developmental Center during testimony before a federal judge in Brooklyn. He was testifying as a witness in behalf of the New York State Association for Retarded Children and others in a suit filed against the state government.

The very next day there was a rumor that Dr. Miodrag Ristich, director of Willowbrook, had been asked to resign his post.

But can Dr. Ristich alone be blamed for what's lacking at the state institution? Hardly. Conditions there were disgraceful before he was named to the post two years ago. They've improved somewhat, but apparently they aren't anywhere nearly as good as what Dr. Clements is used to down in Georgia. A line comment on the government of the Empire State!