

# New chief for Mental Hygiene

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, an internationally known psychiatrist, neurologist, researcher and educator, was named by Gov. Hugh Carey on Saturday to head the controversial state Department of Mental Hygiene.

Kolb, 63, is currently chairman of the department of psychiatry at Columbia University Medical School and director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute. His appointment was the first major one made since Carey took office on Wednesday, and aides to the new governor said it symbolized his concern over mental hygiene problems.

Kolb will administer a department which operates 27 hospitals for the mentally ill, 20 schools for the mentally retarded, six children's psychiatric hospitals and research and teaching institutions on mental retardation, mental health and alcoholism.

Critics—including Carey—have attacked the agency for alleged ill treatment of patients at state institutions and for not preparing community facilities for treating the mentally ill and mentally retarded near their homes. Kolb is a prominent advocate of community-based treatment.

"Through his long and distinguished career, Dr. Kolb has demonstrated his understanding of the individual's as well as the community's needs and rights in the delivery of mental health services," Carey said. "He is a pioneer in this field, and I am extremely pleased to announce someone of his stature and ability to this crucial state position."