

1,000 Islanders in Albany protest

Nearly 1,000 members of the statewide Civil Service Employees Association, with their working schedules at four Island facilities rearranged for continuous patient care, took off most of the day today to join an estimated 50,000 member protest demonstration in Albany.

Mrs. Myrtle Cunningham, second vice president of Chapter 429 of the Willowbrook Development Center

yesterday insisted that there would be no slowdown of work.

About 7 a.m. 14 buses were to have taken 700 employes from Willowbrook and were to have returned by 5:30 p.m. today.

Adhering to similar schedules, five buses took 250 employes from the South Beach Psychiatric Center while one bus transported 40 employes from the New York Institute for Basic Research, Willowbrook. Only a small number of employes from the Arthur Kill Rehabilitation Center are re-

ported to be attending the march.

The union claims the state is showing "bad faith" in not negotiating in four areas — salary, increments, agency-shop, and pension — as promised in this the third year of a four year contract.

George Boncoraglio, union representative at South Beach Psychiatric Center, said that with the employes obliged to now pay the increase of insurance premiums and to contribute to the pension plan, salaries are actually "going backward instead of forward."

Mrs. Lee Kolodney of New York Basic Research said that every department will have been covered. "We are not emptying out the Institute," she said. "There will be children taken care of. There will be staff but we are taking up as many as we can."

"We are going up to show our strength," one official said.