

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE, Thursday, May 5, 1977

Capitol capsule

MENTAL HYGIENE:

The union representing thousands of employes at state mental hygiene facilities charged that Gov. Hugh Carey's plan to deinstitutionalize mental health care has more to do with politics and money than with patient care. Dr. James Cohen, a consultant hired by the Civil Service Employees Association, said the governor's plan to cut the number of persons in mental hospitals and developmental centers "is dumping patients on the community which lacks the facilities and the finances to give them adequate care." He said currently 70 per cent of the patients "dumped" by Governor Carey's policies "return for further treatment within a year."