

## State OKs Willowbrook change despite protest

Attorneys for the union representing Willowbrook Developmental Center had a conference in Albany yesterday with an aide to Gov. Carey, in an attempt to smooth over labor problems that have arisen over the planned private takeover of seven center buildings.

Willowbrook's union leaders declined to say what the whole meeting was about, but James Introne, the Carey aide who participated, said later, "We're sorry these differences exist, but the state intends to fulfill its obligations under the court order."

"Yes," Introne added, the United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York "will move into the buildings Thursday as planned."

Felton King, president of Willowbrook's chapter of the Civil Service Em-

ployes Association, said institutional workers still intend to fight UCP's takeover of the seven buildings housing 641 retarded persons.

"We're planning a demonstration in Albany on Wednesday," King noted, "and we're taking other steps as well."

Although he declined to reveal yesterday if the workers, fearful of losing their jobs to privately hired staff, would attempt to lock UCP out of the buildings, King said last week such an action was being considered.

"UCP has had little experience in treating retarded people," King said, "and turning the buildings over to them is a risk. A big risk."

Robert Schonhorn, UCP's executive director, said he is "looking forward to moving in on Thursday."

The Department of Mental Hygiene says it will redeploy approximately 700 affected workers Thursday to other facilities on the grounds of the 384-acre developmental center