

Some One Hundred Korean Workers at Willow
Brook Hospital Face Unemployment:
The Hospital Started to cut down inmates

Staten Island Development Center (Old name, Willow Brook Hospital), which employs about 100 Korean medical workers including physicians, nurses and cleaning ladies or men, has adopted a plan designed to reduce the number of its clients from the current level of 1,600 to 250 by 1981.

This plan, which began to take effect in 1975, has generated a sense of anxiety and uncertainty among Korean workers in regard to their job prospect.

This plan is derived from a class action suit filed to a federal court by a group of client's parents against the New York State government, who runs the hospital.

In the suit, parents accused the hospital of providing "inhumane" services to mentally retarded children.

In 1975, the Federal court decided the case in favor of parents and against the N.Y. State Government. The Federal ~~government~~^{Court} ordered the defendant to reduce the number of clients down to 250 by "de-institutionalizing" the hospital.

The "de-institutionalization" of the hospital involves two major programs - UCP and Community Pace Program, which are essentially designed to transfer clients to smaller units of medical institutions...

Although the hospital runs a variety of job training programs in order to facilitate the transfer of hospital personnel to other