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125 REGISTERED FOR  
MENTAL RETARDATION CONFERENCE

Better than 125 participants are registered for the first New England Regional Conference on "Retarded Youth and Law Enforcement" scheduled for August 18, 19, 20 at Salve Regina College, Newport, R. I. The registration figure was released today by Miles Santamour, assistant director of the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, conference chairman. Mr. Santamour's agency is among the four sponsoring organizations. Also co-operating in the seminar are the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Salve Regina College.

Designed to bring together professionals concerned with law enforcement and those specifically working with and for the retarded, it is hoped that the three day conference will broaden the understanding of both groups in working with retarded youth and adults.

Keynote speaker at the conference is Mrs. Delores Norley, president of the Florida State Association for Retarded Children.

Other speakers are:

Robert Angrisoni, International Association of Police Chiefs, Inc.

John Buckley, Sheriff, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., President, Salve Regina College

Floyd Dennis, Director, Community Services, Tennessee Office of Mental Retardation

Philip Green, Associate Regional Commissioner, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Boston region

Dennis Haggerty, American Bar Association, Consultant to President's Committee on Mental Retardation

Honorable Edward V. Healey, Rhode Island Family Court and a member of the Executive Committee National Conference of Juvenile Court Judges

Miss Frances Linden, Consultant, Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals

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Vernon J. Lisbon, Treasurer, Rhode Island Board of Regents

Roy McLaughlin, President, National Association of  
Superintendents of Training Schools and Reformatories

Allen Menefee, Associate Professor, Florida State University  
and former Director of the Rhode Island Office of Mental  
Retardation

Dr. Michael Morello, Superintendent, State Industrial School,  
Manchester, N. H.

George Morgan, Consultant, President's Committee on Mental  
Retardation

John Sharkey, Learning Disabilities Specialist, Delaware  
County, Pa.

Dr. Albert Soforenko, Superintendent, Hartford Regional Center

Miss M. Rosalind McGehearty, Nursing Consultant for the Rhode Island  
Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals is co-ordinating the conference  
arrangements.

Participants from corrections, the courts, probation and parole, industrial  
or training schools, schools for the retarded, local and state police, public schools,  
prisons and voluntary organizations will attend previously assigned sessions, inter-  
disciplinary in nature.

All groups will issue a summarization at the final general session, where  
it is hoped that constructive alternatives to present practices can also be discussed.

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