

Panel Formed To Look Into Patient Care

The state commissioner of mental health announced yesterday he has appointed a special committee of professionals and lay citizens to investigate the Farmer complex at Central State Psychiatric Hospital.

The Farmer complex includes the building where

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Tennessean reporter Frank Sutherland stayed for 31 days posing as a patient.

COMMISSIONER Richard Treadway said that as a result of the information in the series of articles now being published in the Tennessean, he appointed the committee to evaluate the conditions and treatments there.

"I hope to have a preliminary report on their finding within a few days," Treadway said.

The commissioner said he has appointed:

Henry Hughes, chairman of the board of trustees for Central State.

Dr. Jesse R. Peel of Van-

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derbilt University, who will evaluate the psychiatric care at Central State.

Dr. Amos Christie of the Vanderbilt department of pediatrics, who will evaluate the medical situation in the Farmer Building.

Kelley Miller Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, and state Sen. Doug Henry, who will look at the conditions from a "citizen's point of view.

Dr. Greta Salenius, director of psychiatric nursing at Vanderbilt, who will evaluate the nursing services.

Frank True, executive director of Traveler's Aid, who will examine services in social work.

Dr. Warren Webb, director of psychological services for the Vanderbilt psychiatry department, who will evaluate psychological services.