

# Patient was beaten, congressman says

Congressman Mario Biaggi, Bronx Democrat, announced today he is seeking a temporary order to restrain the Willowbrook School for the mentally retarded from placing a female patient back in a building where he alleges she recently received a severe beating.

Biaggi said he would file the action this week in the New York State Supreme Court in the Bronx on behalf of 21-year-old Adrienne Renelli who he said was beaten by fellow patients.

In a statement, the congressman said he visited the Staten Island institution at the request of the girl's mother, Mrs. Amelia

Renelli, on Feb. 4 and found Adrienne "suffering from massive injuries, with multiple unhealed sores and bruises over both arms."

He added there was a possibility of skull injury.

Biaggi said Mrs. Renelli told him Friday that Adrienne was returned to the building where she allegedly received the beating. The lawmaker claimed the building was understaffed and could not provide Adrienne with adequate protection.

In another development, a special "federal action team" of experts in mental health and mental retardation began an inspection tour of Willow-

brook today.

Before their scheduled departure for Staten Island at 12:30 p.m. from Manhattan, the team was to meet for orientation with consumer and citizen groups and with the press.

The team, created by the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare at the suggestion of Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., will be visiting in the city today and tomorrow. Javits and a congressional delegation, including Biaggi, are to accompany the team.

Today's schedule includes meetings with Willowbrook professional and employe groups. Tomorrow's includes visits to three community programs, the Queens State School and meetings with state and local workers.

The group is headed by Dr. Bertran S. Brown, director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Javits said Gov. Rockefeller and Dr. Alan Miller, New York State commissioner of mental hygiene, asked him "to assure that the federal government did everything in its power to assist the State of New York in improving the situation at Willowbrook, and at other such New York State institutions."