

'Not on trial,' Hammond told

A hearing that has spanned three months and focused attention on patient programs at Willowbrook State School neared an end yesterday, with a judge telling the institution's former director, Dr. Jack Hammond, he was "not on trial."

Supreme Court Justice Vito J. Titone made the statement after Dr. Hammond completed three days on the witness stand. Dr. Hammond was transferred from Willowbrook last August in the wake of disclosures of shocking conditions. He had served as director for eight years.

Congressman Mario Biaggi, attorney for Adrienne Renelli of the Bronx, a 22-year-old mentally retarded woman who has been a resident at the school for 12 years, and Assistant State Attorney General Judith Gordon will make their closing statements when the hearing resumes Thursday.

When the hearing began, testimony centered on allegations that the girl had been mistreated and neglected. Since then, however, the hearing has centered on training and rehabilitation programs for severely retarded patients.

At one point yesterday, the testimony revolved around standards to be used in institutions for the mentally

retarded which the Accreditation for Facilities for the Mentally Retarded adopted last year.

Dr. Hammond, who was chairman of the council's procedures survey committee and had a hand in the preparation of the standards, told Titone that Willowbrook "could not conceivably" meet the standards at present. He said the standards, often

cited in testimony, were only "goals" for institutions to adopt in "five or 10 years." Likewise, he said, the State Mental Hygiene Department, which operates Willowbrook, had these standards only as a goal. Two members of Biaggi's staff, Bernard Ehrlich and Joseph Magnotti, conducted the questioning of Dr. Hammond yesterday for Adrienne.