

Our office has concluded its investigation to determine whether or not player Manuel Rivera should be permitted to continue his professional baseball career. You are familiar with the background of the player's history which prompted this investigation.

The elements of our investigation were:

- (1) An inquiry of the Atlanta Ball club, which gave us the history of the player prior to joining the Atlanta Club, and a recital of the deportment of the player while a member of that Club.
- (2) A further interrogation of the father of the lad who was involved in the incident at Atlanta.
- (3) A converence by a qualified representative of this office with the divorced wife of the player in Gainesville Florida.
- (4) Several conferences with representatives of the medical profession and psychiatrists who have had much experience in this particular field.
- (5) An examination of the player by Dr. Frank F. Tallman, the Commissioner of Mental Health for the State of California. It is from Dr. Tallman's report that I quote the following:

"I very carefully considered the material you sent me and also the interview with Mr. Torrance, and more particularly my examination of Mr. Rivera, and while no man can guarantee to you that his behaviour will continue sound, I again reiterate that it is my considered professional opinion that this one episode came as a result of a great deal of stress combined with an immature feeling that he was doing very well and could therefore do as he pleased. The fact that his rebellion took the form of sexual advance to the boy I attribute to his repressions during his life in the opphange and in prison.

"In other words, his growing conviction that he was going to have a chance to be a great ball player uncorked the bottle of past repressions too suddenly, and the explosion was one of immaturity.

"In conclusion, I think we can safely say that Rivera's maturity is now such that this type of behaviour is a thing of the past and as I said before I would see no contraindication for his continuing professional baseball in any capacity that his ability merits.

"I should like to point out too, that the boy having been fatherless for so long, tends to look up for guidance and affection from older people, and if the coach of any group that he joins takes a more or less fatherly interest in him, the accuracy of my prognostication will be doubly insured. Frank F. Tallman, M.D."

This office is accepting Dr. Tallman's judgment and recommendation and will offer no objection to the player's continuation in professional baseba..