

RIGHTS UNIT CHIEF HAILS NIXON MOVE

Hesburgh Calls Segregation
Proposal for Schools Both
Practical and Forthright
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WASHINGTON, May 22 —

The chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, which has been sharply critical of the Administration's civil rights policies, today applauded President Nixon's new program to encourage school desegregation.

"We feel it is important to call public attention to the significance of the President's message," said the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, chairman of the independent advisory commission, in a formal statement.

The President yesterday asked Congress for \$1.5-billion — \$150-million of it by September — largely to help solve problems of desegregating schools.

"In the commission's view," Father Hesburgh's statement said, "the President's message represents a most positive statement. The goals he has stated deserve the support of all Americans."

The President, Father Hesburgh said, "has brought to bear the prestige and leadership of his office on the side of ending, at last and at once, the problem of school segregation which has been allowed to linger far too long."

The statement said that the

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