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**Hesburgh to
Resign Civil
Rights Post**

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SOUTH BEND (Ind.) — The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who has been critical of President Nixon's stand on civil rights issues, says he will tender his resignation later today as chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Another commission member, Maurice Mitchell, a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, said President Nixon "has little use" for the federal panel and that he also plans to resign today.

Mitchell chancellor of Denver University, said that "the President never consulted or saw the commission in the four years he has been in office. I doubt if President Nixon gave us more than 30 minutes of his time since he took office.

What Nixon Does

Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, said he was joining other members of the commission in submitting resignations.

Nixon asked about 2000 appointed officials, other than those on regulatory commissions for fixed terms, to give him their resignations as part of his re-evaluation program for his second term in office.

Therefore, Hesburgh said, submitting his resignation is "not important, but what President Nixon does about it is."

Further Comment

He said he met on Monday with members of the White House staff and they personally told him the President would like his resignation.

Hesburgh, who has criticized Nixon for his actions against integration and on other matters pertaining to civil rights, said he would wait until the President either accepts or rejects the resignation before commenting further.
