

Nixon urges antibusing OK;

CAMP DAVID (Md.) — President Nixon urged Congress yesterday to pass antibusing legislation this year and said he will ask for \$3 billion in supplemental aid for public schools.

In a radio address from his Camp David retreat, Nixon endorsed a bill coming up for debate in the House next week which would extend federal education aid another three years.

He also criticized a Senate version of the measure, saying it would "create a bureaucratic nightmare hope-

lessly bound up in miles of red tape."

He urged Congress to make school aid programs faster and less complicated and said he will request \$3 billion "to enable us to get federal funds to the schools this spring so for the first time they will be able to plan ahead knowing the size and extent of the federal contribution."

His contention that education had made great progress in America in the last five years drew immediate response from Dr. Helen

Wise, president of the National Education Association, who called it "a period of retrogression in many ways unprecedented since World War II."

She criticized Nixon for withholding "funds by which local communities might have dealt more effectively with desegregation, specifically because he opposes busing . . ."

She noted amendments were pending on the education aid bills in both houses, and said "I do not see how Mr. Nixon can support one

and reject the other when neither is in final form."

Nixon pledged to veto any legislation that makes it even more difficult for local school officials to obtain federal education aid.

Nixon urged Congress to appropriate \$1.3 billion this year to fund a program already enacted — but not fi-

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to ask \$3 billion for schools

nanced — providing maximum \$1400 grants to needy students to continue education beyond high school.

Nixon said that in 1972 he proposed legislation to limit busing, and "today I urge favorable consideration of an antibusing amendment, such as the amendment now being sponsored by Rep.

Marvin L. Esch (R-Mich.)."

"Bureaucrats in Washington cannot educate your child," he said. "Your children can only be educated by you in your homes and by their teachers in their schools."

"Parents know that the education of their children can most effectively be car-

ried out in neighborhood schools," he said.

"They are naturally concerned when the courts, acting on the basis of complicated plans drawn up by bureaucrats far away off in Washington, D.C., order children bused out of their neighborhoods."

The President said dual

school systems have been abolished with a minimum of busing and "excessive forced busing is neither necessary nor desirable."

The education bill awaiting House action does not incorporate all the revisions he had suggested, Nixon said, but he urged its support.