

HESBURGH SEES U.S. OPEN FOR DICTATOR

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 14 (AP) —The desire for leadership has grown so strong in the United States that it has opened the door to dictatorship, according to the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame.

"The mood is dangerous because I think it's the kind of mood that you could see in other countries before dictatorship moved in; people so desperately looking for leadership that they'll almost go with the strong man even though he may not be a strong man for good

in every department," he said. Father Hesburgh, speaking on the weekly broadcast program "Yale Reports" last night, said darkness, pessimism and foreboding had developed in the wake of recent political corruption, "and the country really needs a lift."

He said that "if we are going to pray for anything right now, we ought to really pray for some strong leadership down the line."

Prof. Kenneth Keniston of the Yale psychology department, who joined Father Hesburgh on the program, had a different view. "Maybe one of the silver linings of Watergate" is that "we may as a people be less

likely to accept a policy or a program as good simply because somebody in authority says it's good," he said.