

SBA Loans Top \$100 Million

Elmira — Carlos A. Villamil, regional director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced that SBA has approved \$103,137,448 in home and business disaster loans in the 19 upstate counties affected by Tropical Storm Agnes.

"SBA has approved 17,764 loans for restoring home, per-

sonal, and business property", Villamil said.

He urged all Southern Tier residents who received flood damage, and have not yet filed SBA disaster loan applications, to file before the Oct. 31 deadline.

"Because of the high volume of flood loans, a full-fledged SBA servicing office will be

established permanently in the Elmira area and will be staffed according to Civil Service criteria. This is in addition to the Remington Rand processing office which will begin phasing out after October 31," Villamil said.

"We project that the economic impact of this permanent of-

fice on the community will be approximately \$1 million per year in salaries and administrative costs," he said.

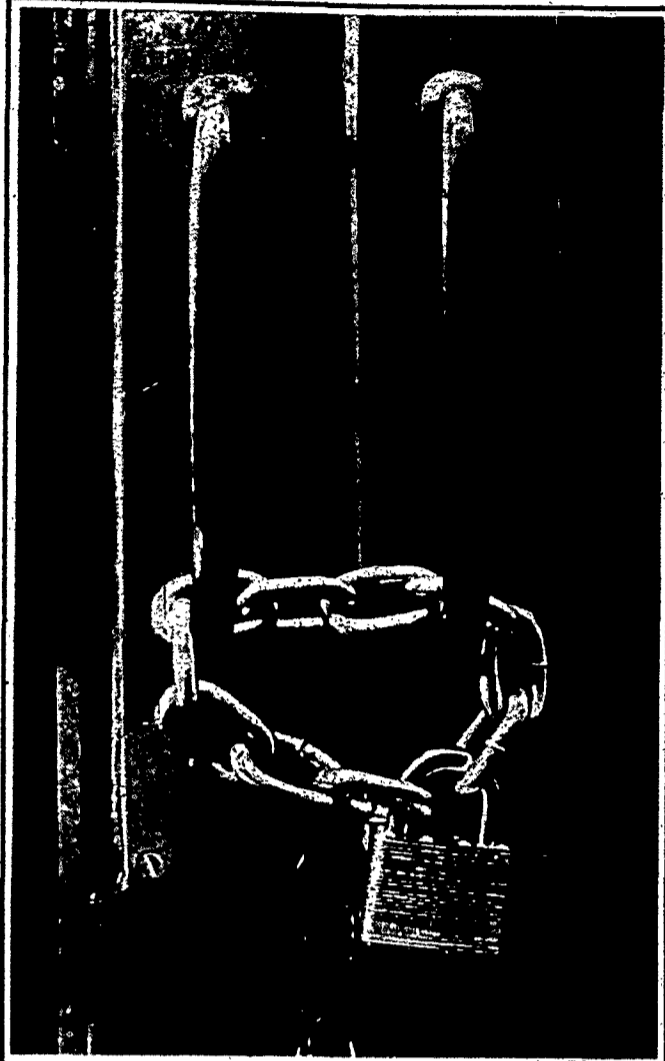
There are six disaster loan offices in the upstate area open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Those in the diocese are:

Bldg., 1051 South Main St., (607) 733-4686.

BATH, Conference Room, Bath Municipal Bldg. (607) 776-7196.

CORNING, N.Y. State Armory Centerway, (607) 962-4803.

HORNELL, Room 6, Broadway, (607) 324-0251.



**You're bothered by
the fact that every day
one more private or
parochial school closes.**

So is President Nixon.

If an idea is good for education, the President is for it. If it isn't, he's against it. Massive busing, for example, he's against. Aid to parochial schools, he's *for*.

"America needs her non-public schools," President Nixon has said. "Those non-public schools need help. Therefore, we must and will find ways to provide that help."

The President has publicly endorsed legislation for tax credits to parents of children attending parochial schools. And he heads the first national Administration *ever* to classify non-public schools as "an integral part of the nation's educational establishment."

Senator George McGovern has shown no support during his Senate career for aid to parochial schools—and several respected columnists have labeled him an opponent of such aid.

That's unfortunate. For the problem isn't simply the granting of aid to parochial schools. (If it were, President Nixon would have done it already.) The problem is finding a method of aid that will pass the Congress and not be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Finding such a method requires a man in the White House who *wants* to find it, not a man who has shown no inclination to do so. It requires a man who told the Knights of Columbus in no uncertain terms: "In your fight to save your schools, you can count on my support."

President Nixon is that man. And that's why we need him—*now* more than ever.

**President Nixon.
Now more than ever.**