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batch. Connecticut and New Jersey did not halt inoculations. [53:2-3.]

President Ford, campaigning in New York City for the first time, made a strong appeal for support by Jewish and middle-class voters. He stressed his backing for Israel and deplored "terrorism" in the world and on the streets of American cities and heavy taxation of the middle class. The President, in a motorcade through Brooklyn, received lukewarm greetings in two Jewish neighborhoods and was hailed in heavily Republican Bay Ridge. [1:4-5.]

A Federal appeals court reversed the conviction of former Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian, who had been found guilty of having conspired to cover up the 1972 Watergate break-in. In a separate opinion, the five appellate judges upheld the convictions of three other former aides of President Nixon—H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and John N. Mitchell. [1:3.]

The 15 trustees of the teamsters' union major pension fund, according to informed sources, have agreed that at least 11 of them will resign by the end of this month. The decision was made under mounting pressure by three Government inquiries and to try to forestall the Government from placing the fund in receivership under supervision of a Federal judge. [1:5-6.]

Major climatic changes in the next two centuries, were predicted in a report by a committee of the International Council of Scientific Unions. The report said it was "alarming" that industrial activity was expected to raise the carbon dioxide content of the world's atmosphere from four to eight times present levels. [18:4-5.]

Metropolitan

A sixth increase in hospitalization premiums in five years is being sought by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Greater

New York. It asked the state to approve higher premiums by an average of 25.9 percent for four million of its policyholders in New York City, on Long Island and in 10 other downstate counties. [1:1.]

A Federal grand jury indicted Matthew Feldman, president of the New Jersey Senate, on charges of bribing a restaurant chain official to gain \$240,000 in business for Mr. Feldman's liquor distribution company. The grand jury said that Mr. Feldman had paid \$6,400 in bribes and it also indicted Daniel Feldman, the political leader's son. [1:3-4.]

After deliberating two hours, a jury in Hackensack, N.J. found Joseph Kallinger guilty of murdering Maria Fasching in Leonia, N.J., on Jan. 8, 1975. The panel of seven men and five women also found the 39-year-old Philadelphia cobbler to be sane at the time of the fatal stabbing and to have made his son Michael, then 12, an accomplice. Sentencing was set for tomorrow. [1:2.]

Business/Finance

Retail sales in the nation moved up last month only one-tenth of 1 percent from a lower, revised August level, but sales were 10 percent above the year-earlier total, the Commerce Department reported. Sales in September reached \$54.59 billion compared with August's \$54.53 billion level. The trend was adversely affected by a steep drop in car sales. [55:6.]

The nation's corn crop was estimated by the Agriculture Department at a record 5.87 billion bushels, which would be 2 percent above last year's crop. The estimate on corn, a major ingredient of livestock feed, was one-half of 1 percent below the 5.89 billion bushels indicated earlier. [55:1.]

The stock market fell again on a broad front in more active trading. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 8.47 to close at 932.35. Since Sept. 21, the index has plummeted 82.44 points, or 8 percent. [55:2.] In credit markets, Government notes and bonds rose sharply in price, and corporate and tax-exempt bonds also gained. [56:3-5.] Soybean futures fell steeply again, while wheat prices were strong and corn prices were irregular. [65:1-2.]

A new offensive against Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon was begun by tank-led Syrian forces. Syria's objective was believed to be to cut off Saida, the last port of supply for Moslem-controlled west Beirut. [3:1-2.]

The Rhodesian Government is said to doubt that an accord on an interim regime under a black leader can be achieved at the Geneva conference this month. A Government official said that the negotiations would probably be stalemated by demands by principal black nationalist leaders. [3:4-6.]

National

Swine flu immunization programs in seven states and the Pittsburgh area were suspended after the death of three elderly persons who received the vaccine at a Pittsburgh clinic. All three were known to have had heart ailments. Health officials said there was no evidence that the deaths had been caused by the vaccinations but they ordered an investigation. States halting the program were Wisconsin, Louisiana, Vermont, Maine, New Mexico, Texas and Illinois. [1:6.] New York City went ahead with the programs, but upstate areas were asked to delay using any vaccine from the Pittsburgh

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"The exploitation of the books makes me sick—it's a caricature. To me, Pooh is a toy I had as a child. When he first appeared in print, the books were true to my idea of him that was fine. But he has now gone well beyond that and become a cult."—Christopher Robin Milne, discussing the 50th anniversary of Winnie-the-Pooh. [51:2.]

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