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The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in the short-dated bonds but the long-dated issues, where changed, were  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{8}$  higher. This improvement was, however, short lived and sellers soon appeared due, it was thought, to higher interest rates forecast in the U.S.A. Buyers were once again almost completely absent and, although selling was not heavy, prices fell sharply to show falls of as much as  $\frac{1}{4}$  in the shorts and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point in the long-dated issues by lunchtime. The market improved slightly following the announcement of the eligible liability figures for September but sellers soon appeared at the higher levels and the market reacted sharply to close the day looking barely steady, at the lowest levels, with falls of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in the short-dated bonds and  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{5}{8}$  in the long-dated issues.

The Industrial market opened steady after the recent firmer tone. Prices tended to fluctuate marginally during the day, with most sections closing around the overnight levels. Property shares continued yesterday's higher trend, while Insurance and Electrical shares failed to maintain the best levels. Bejam moved higher following their figures and scrip issue, while Kaffir shares, after opening lower, rallied towards the close.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 486.8 (no change)

Bank

Sales	£	5,322,000
Purchases	£	5,179,000
Nett Sales on balance	£	143,000