

Wednesday, 27th August, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was slightly easier in all sections at the opening and this reflected some selling which had taken place after hours on the previous evening following the rise in American interest rates. Selling was not heavy but falls of $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ were widespread throughout the list. During the morning most of these early losses were regained and by midday the market was looking reasonably steady at the previous night's closing levels. Following the announcement of the unemployment figures, there was little change in the market but just before lunch one or two quite substantial sellers were seen and the market fell by as much as $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ throughout the list. This easier tendency continued during the afternoon and the market closed the day looking barely steady with falls of about $\frac{3}{8}$ in the short-dated bonds and $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ in the long-dated issues.

The Industrial market opened slightly lower following the rights issue announcement from Blue Circle. Prices, after easing initially, rallied during the morning on small investment interest before drifting again after the publication of the unemployment figures. Electrical, Oil and Building issues were marginally lower on balance, while Kaffir shares were generally unchanged on the day. ASDA, Johnson Matthey and Slough Estates were selectively higher after their respective results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 494.2 (down 1.6)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	977,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	977,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	2,432,000
	Purchases	£	3,037,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	605,000