

Tuesday, 4th November, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market opened slightly easier, with investors generally waiting for to-day's banking figures before taking any new positions. Activity was low but a little buying and bear-closing took place and by lunchtime prices had returned to the overnight levels. Following the banking figures prices fell again by about $\frac{1}{4}$ throughout the list, but little selling came in, and long-dated stocks recovered to close at or slightly below yesterday's levels. Shorts showed little improvement and closed up to about $\frac{1}{4}$ down on the day.

The Industrial market opened unchanged. Prices tended to drift lower during the day on small offerings of stock. Very little support was encountered and most sectors closed around the worst levels. The October banking figures were much as anticipated and did not affect the market. Oil shares saw two-way trade and generally remained steady. Imperial Continental Gas continued to ease as dealers took profits. In secondary stocks, Aran Energy were sharply higher on speculative demand. Banks and Insurance issues extended yesterday's weak trend with Barclays and National Westminster particularly dull. In a mainly dull Food sector, Imperial Group were marked lower as analysts downgraded profit estimates. J. Sainsbury were marginally easier ahead of interim results expected tomorrow. Electrical shares showed renewed weakness on profit-taking and Racal fell on further consideration of the Decca subsidiary losses announced yesterday. Kaffirs were better in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 478.8 (down 3.3)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	5,197,000
	Purchases	£	5,177,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	20,000