

Tuesday, 1st September, 1981.

The outlook for interest rates in the United States continued to be uncertain following the various developments at the end of last week. This again made for a very quiet Gilt Edged market today. Prices opened slightly better in long-dated stocks, largely reflecting buying seen after hours on Friday. However these better levels soon brought in a few sellers and the rises quickly evaporated. After this initial movement the market became extremely quiet and prices closed the day showing only minor changes.

The Industrial market opened slightly easier after the long week-end recess following the overnight decline on Wall Street and the large rights announcement from Trust House Forte. Oil shares were a dull sector on the latest Saudi Arabia prediction of lower crude oil prices, while Engineering and Electrical issues drifted lower in extremely subdued trading. Trust House Forte rallied marginally following the initial announcement, while Kaffir shares lacked a decided trend during the day.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 570.6 (down 3.2)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales and Purchases		NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	15,774,000
	Purchases		5,750,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	10,024,000