

Friday, 4th September, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened about  $\frac{1}{16}$  -  $\frac{1}{8}$  down in shorts and  $\frac{1}{4}$  down in longs. This easier tone followed the continuing falls in U.S. bonds, coupled with the extremely quiet conditions here. A few sellers were enough to cause prices to ease marginally during the morning, and with no further change during the afternoon, the market closed  $\frac{3}{16}$  lower in shorts and about  $\frac{3}{8}$  down in longs.

The Industrial market opened sharply lower following the steep overnight decline on Wall Street and the rights issue announcement from John Brown. Prices tended to fluctuate marginally at the worst levels and, with little or no buying interest, all sections closed with nett losses. Bowater were a dull feature ahead of next week's figures and rumours of a possible rights issue, while Guardian Royal and Sun Alliance drifted on further reflection on their results. Electrical issues registered the sharpest falls on profit-taking, while Glaxo provided an isolated firm feature on the granting of the Licence for the Zantac drug. Kaffir shares however moved lower despite the better gold price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 553.8 (down 14.2)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	333,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	333,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	1,285,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	1,285,000