

Wednesday, 9th September, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened slightly easier, following the newspaper comment on the banking figures and an easier trend in U.S. bonds. However no worthwhile selling appeared, and prices soon recovered their losses, with short-dated stocks in fact showing small gains. With minor fluctuations this position then held for the rest of the day, and longs ended the day fractionally either side of yesterday's close with shorts generally showing gains of up to  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

The Industrial market opened easier, affected by the poor overnight performance on Wall Street. Rumours of several impending rights issues also influenced sentiment and most sectors declined during the day closing around the worst levels. Electricals were weak in response to the £59 million rights issue from B.I.C.C. although their interim results and statement were encouraging. Among quiet Stores, House of Fraser were flat following disappointing half-year profits. In the Shipping sector, P. & O. were dull on the dismal figures and current trading prospects. Paper shares were unchanged but Bowater were marked down as results failed to equal analysts' estimates. Banking, Insurance and Property issues were generally lower throughout on lack of support. Kaffirs fluctuated narrowly as the gold price eased.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 546.8 (down 4.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	1,428,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	1,428,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	7,023,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	7,023,000