

Tuesday, 29th September, 1981.

Continuing yesterday's late trend the Gilt Edged market opened somewhat firmer today and with a little early buying in longs, prices of that sector were soon up to $\frac{3}{4}$ better while shorts showed rises of $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{16}$. However business soon became very slow and prices eased away during the morning. With little further activity developing prices closed almost unchanged on the day in shorts, while longs, with the help of a small late rally, closed $\frac{5}{8}$ up on balance.

The Industrial market opened sharply higher in response to the overnight strength on Wall Street. Most sectors fluctuated during the day but maintained widespread and substantial gains on balance. Oil issues were initially firm but reacted to warnings from the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister that crude prices may ease in the near future. Electricals encountered considerable institutional demand with G.E.C., Plessey and Thorn/EMI particularly strong. Building shares improved with Ready-Mixed Concrete and John Laing moving higher following interim results. Breweries, Stores and Foods were generally well supported throughout. Among firm 'blue chip' stocks, Dunlop weakened on news that they have sold their Malaysian rubber plantations, thus curtailing the possibility of a Far Eastern takeover. They also announced the closure of a factory in Scotland. Among Financials, Banks and Insurances were better but Discount House shares declined on fears of further higher interest rates. Kaffirs hardened in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 475.7 (up 18.2)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales and Purchases		NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	4,506,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	4,506,000