

Monday, 19th October, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market has remained fairly quiet, and opened up to $\frac{3}{8}$ easier in long-dated stocks. Most of this fall had in fact taken place after hours on Friday, and fairly soon today the sellers began to hold off, and small but persistent buying took their place. As a result prices began to improve gently and continued to do so more or less throughout the day. By the close short-dated stocks had converted initial small falls into rises of $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$, while longs which had been up to $\frac{3}{8}$ down, showed gains of $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ from Friday's close.

The Industrial market opened slightly easier, extending last week's general dull tone. Prices, however, after drifting lower initially, rallied on technical considerations but lack of follow through caused most sections to pause at the better levels. Glaxo were a particular firm feature on the week-end comment concerning the profit potential of the Zantac drug, while Oil shares provided a strong feature on investment demand. Kaffir issues tended marginally lower in subdued trading.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 466.9 (up 3.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	1,972,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	1,972,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	9,509,000
	Purchases	£	12,150,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	2,641,000