

Monday, 13th September, 1982.

Once again it was the weakness of the U.S. bond market which set the trend for the Gilt-edged market. Prices opened with losses of up to $\frac{1}{2}$ in the shorts and $\frac{3}{4}$ throughout the mediums and longs and quickly fell further so that falls of up to $1\frac{1}{4}$ were not uncommon at the longer end of the market. At this level the market steadied and, with no further selling being seen, prices recovered by up to $\frac{3}{8}$. Turnover was low and when New York opened lower again sentiment deteriorated and prices slipped back again. By the close shorts were down by up to $\frac{9}{16}$ and mediums and longs by up to 1 point.

The Industrial market opened easier at the start of the second week in the current account. Prices fluctuated narrowly during the day, closing around the worst levels in subdued and featureless trading conditions. In the Electrical sector, Thorn-EMI continued to weaken following the chairman's adverse profits warning. Breweries, Foods and Stores were generally lower throughout on lack of support. Among otherwise dull leading "blue-chip" issues, BTR were sharply higher after encouraging interim results. Dealings began in the £100 million issue of BOC loan stock at a small discount. Kaffirs declined in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 570.9 (down 3.7)

C.N.D. Sales and Purchases

NIL

BANK

Sales	£	14,327,000
Purchases	£	14,350,000
Nett Purchases on balance	£	23,000