

Wednesday, 5th September, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market at the opening did not respond to either the threat of higher U.S. interest rates nor to the somewhat unenthusiastic press comment on the banking figures. Prices opened very steady and almost immediately enough buyers appeared, particularly in the shorter end, to bring about rises of $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ throughout the list. Short-dated stocks led the way but the longs followed soon after, and these prices were then held, with minor fluctuations in shorts, for the rest of the day. The market closed looking very steady at the slightly higher levels.

The Industrial market opened cautiously following yesterday's firmer trend. Prices, however, after easing initially, rallied sharply on the reappearance of buying interest, with most sections closing at or around the best levels. P. & O. improved after the interim figures but failed to maintain the higher levels, while Bridon and Sun Alliance were both sharply lower following their respective results. Kaffir shares were quiet and featureless.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 472.5 (up 3.9)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	1,477,000
	Purchases	£	2,664,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	1,187,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	23,858,000
	Purchases	£	2,577,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	21,281,000