

Friday, 26th September, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in all sections and this was thought to be mainly due to the rise of the Federal Reserve discount rate in New York from 10% to 11%. Short-dated bonds were $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{16}$ down and the medium and long-dated issues about $\frac{1}{8}$ lower. Business was on a very small scale throughout the day and although there were one or two half-hearted attempts to recover the early losses, the market remained looking rather uneasy. Not unexpectedly, news of a further rise in the prime rate of a major American bank from $12\frac{1}{2}$ % - 13% was announced during the early part of the afternoon. Selling, however, was not heavy and the market closed the week looking reasonably steady but showing falls of $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$, in all sections, below the opening levels.

The Industrial market opened slightly easier on the last day of the account. Prices tended to drift lower on small routine selling during the day and, with little or no investment support evident, most sections closed with nett losses. Property, Oil and Paper shares eased on balance, while Kaffir issues continued to meet profit-taking despite the better gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 481.6 (down 2.8)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	925,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	925,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	12,837,000
	Purchases	£	12,774,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	63,000