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STOCK INDEX FUTURES

S&P 500 and NASDAQ futures advanced to record highs.

Equity markets around the world were trading near record high levels, as traders prepared for Wednesday's Federal Open Market Committee's policy statement.

The May producer price index increased 0.8% when a gain of 0.5% was expected.

Retail sales in May fell 1.3% when a decline of 0.5% was anticipated.

The June Empire State manufacturing index was 17.4 when 22.5 was estimated.

May industrial production increased 0.8% when a gain of 0.6% was predicted and May capacity utilization was 75.2% when 75.0% was anticipated.

The 9:00 central time June housing market index is predicted to be 83.

Stock index futures continue to have positive technical action.

CURRENCY FUTURES

The U.S. dollar index is higher today.

However, in the longer term, pressure on the U.S. dollar is likely as the U.S. budget deficit grows and the Fed's balance sheet expands. The next major support on the daily chart for the September U.S. dollar index is the May low of 89.545.

Germany's consumer price inflation rate increased to 2.5% year-on-year in May 2021, which was in line with preliminary estimates and after a 2.0% rise in April. This was the highest inflation since September 2011.

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Euro zone exports fell in April for the fourth consecutive month. The European Union's statistics agency said the currency area's exports declined by 2.3% in April compared with March, while imports increased by 2.4%.

The U.K. unemployment rate fell to 4.7% in the three months to April 2021, which is the lowest rate since the June-August 2020 period and in line with market expectations.

Housing starts in Canada increased 3.2% in May from April.

INTEREST RATE MARKET FUTURES

Attention now turns to the Federal Reserve's monetary policy statement and Fed Chair Powell's press conference tomorrow.

Although the Fed is widely anticipated to leave interest rates and policy measures unchanged, the focus will be on the statement language, updated economic projections and Chairman Jerome Powell's post meeting press conference.

The Treasury will auction 20-year bonds today.

I am seeing indications that the global economy will continue to improve, but growth may not be as strong as many analysts are predicting. This could explain why the 30-year Treasury bond futures have traded higher in recent weeks despite the Federal Reserve talking about when it may taper its asset-purchase program. If the economy is as robust as many economists believe interest rates should be rising, not declining.

GOLD AND SILVER

Once the FOMC meeting is out of the way on Wednesday the precious metals will likely resume their uptrend.

SUPPORT & RESISTANCE

September 21 S&P 500

Support 4240.00 Resistance 4259.00

September 21 U.S. Dollar Index

Support 90.280 Resistance 90.650

September 21 Euro Currency

Support 1.21180 Resistance 1.21740

September 21 Japanese Yen

Support .90780 Resistance .91000

September 21 Canadian Dollar

Support .81940 Resistance .82480

September 21 Australian Dollar

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Support .76830 Resistance .77250

September 21 Thirty-Year Treasury Bonds

Support 158⁸ Resistance 159⁰

August 21 Gold

Support 1857.0 Resistance 1875.0

September 21 Copper

Support 4.3100 Resistance 4.5400

September 21 Crude Oil

Support 69.84 Resistance 71.13

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