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The S&P 1500 fell again Monday and has retraced 61.8% of the rally off of the July 15th low. Monday's sell off was on decreasing volume, and we would expect to see sellers get less aggressive as the index approaches the prior low. However, we have said for quite a while that a market that does not respond to oversold conditions is dangerous, and the small short covering bounce we just had is not very reassuring.

The short-term, intermediate and long-term trends are down, and we reiterate that this continues to be a bifurcated, opportunistic trader's market, with adept traders able to take advantage long or short. Investors need to be alert to sector rotation and should not hesitate to move out of lagging sectors and stocks and into leaders.

So far 269 companies in the S&P 500 have reported second quarter earnings. According to Bloomberg, 70.9% have had positive surprises, 5.6% have been in line, and 23.5% have been negative. The year-over-year change has been -23.2% on a share-weighted basis, -24.2% market cap-weighted, and -11.6% non-weighted. Ex-financial stocks these numbers are 11.9%, 15.4%, and 13.0%, respectively.

Federal Funds futures are pricing in a 93.7% probability that the Fed will <u>leave rates at 2.00%</u>, and a 6.3% probability of <u>raising</u> 25 basis points to 2.25 when they meet on August 5^{th} .

The S&P 1500 (281.44) was down 1.8% Monday. Average price per share was down 1.57%. Volume was 74% of its 10-day average and 83% of its 30-day average. 16.82% of the S&P 1500 stocks were up on the day. Up Dollars was 3% of its 10-day moving average and Down Dollars was 232% of its 10-day moving average.

Options expire August 15th.

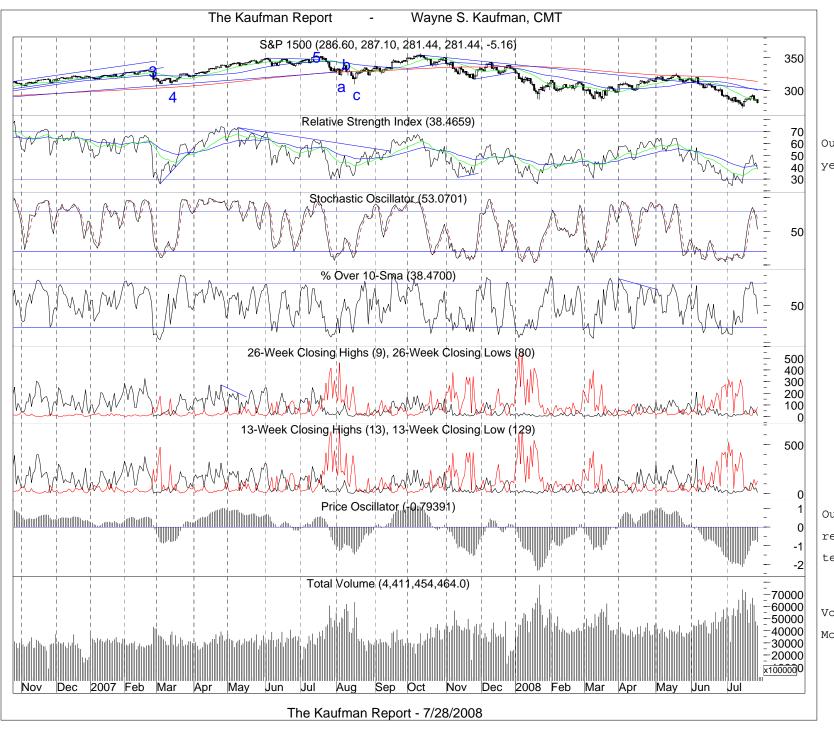
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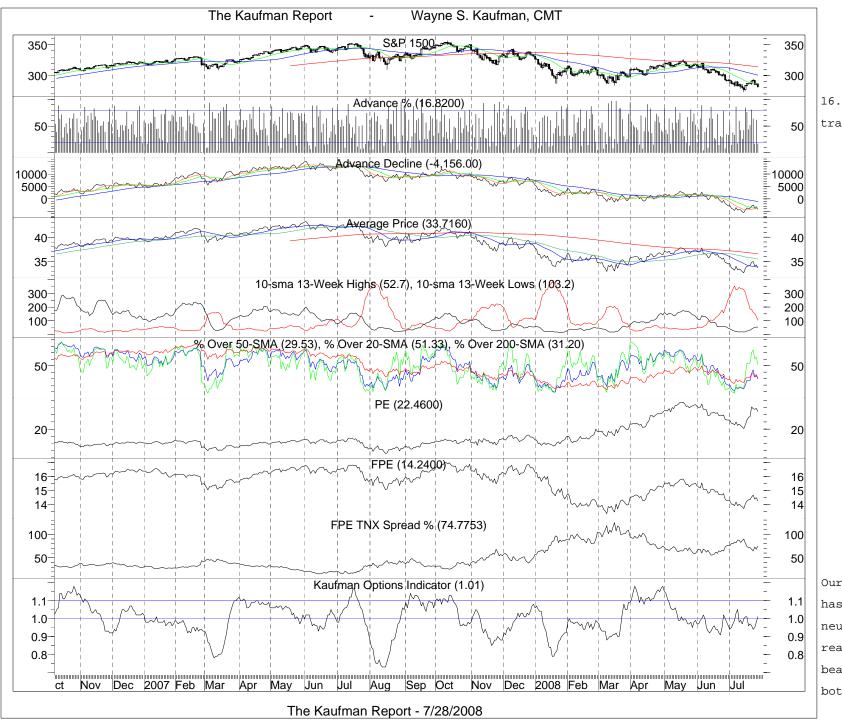
After running into resistance at the 38.2% retracement level of the May to July plunge the S&P 1500 has retraced 61.8% of the rally off the July lows. On intraday charts it is now oversold. We have stressed for quite a while that a market that does not respond to oversold conditions is dangerous, and the small short-covering bounce we just had is not very



Our oscillators are not yet oversold.

Our price oscillator remains in negative territory.

Volume decreased during Monday's sell off.



16.82% of the S&P 1500 traded higher Monday.

Our options indicator
has moved back over the
neutral level. It never
reached the level of
bearishness seen at prior
bottoms.