

Monday, 4th June, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was very quiet and slightly easier in the short-dated bonds at the opening, while other sections of the market were idle and unchanged. Business was once again on a very small scale throughout the day but sellers predominated in the area of the short-dated bonds and easiness in this section spread down the list to the long-dated issues and the whole market by lunchtime was showing falls of $\frac{7}{4} - \frac{3}{8}$ of a point. Little change was seen during the afternoon but the longer short-dated bonds encountered some further selling, while little change was seen in the long-dated issues, the whole market closing the day looking barely steady at the lowest levels.

The Industrial market opened steady at the beginning of the new account. Prices, however, drifted lower on small selling with potential buyers tending to await the forthcoming budget and most sections closed at the worst levels. Oil and Shipping shares closed higher on balance, while Store, Engineering and Property issues closed easier on the day. Kaffir shares drifted in line with the lower gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

506.9 (down 6.6)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	14,555,000
	Purchases	£	14,502,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	53,000