Tuesday, 3rd July, 1979.

The gilt edged market continued to be very firm and active/and prices once again showed considerable gains from the previous night's closing levels. In early trading prices had risen by as much as 1 point in the short dated bonds and $1\frac{1}{2}-1^{1/4}$ in the long dated issues. Buyers once again predominated and with the jobbers short of stock these higher levels were maintained throughout the morning. An easier tendency developed, however, in the short dated bonds during the afternoon and some profit-taking was seen. Prices in this area of the market fell by $\frac{1}{2}$ a point or more. Medium and long dated areas of the market ended the day just below their best levels and still looking very firm.

The industrial market opened slightly higher extending the better tone seen yesterday. Prices continued to improve throughout the day on renewed selective buying interest on the continued strength of the gilt market and most sections closed at or around the best levels. Property shares were again a firm sector on further consideration on the hopes of early reduction in M. L. R. while Electrical and Banking issues also closed higher on balance. Kaffir shares eased on the gold fix price while S.G.B. and I. C. Gas both improved following their respective results.

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(up 6.9)

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Sales Purchases

Nett Sales on balance

£64,962,000 £13,114,000

£51,848,000