

Wednesday, 25th July, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market opened up to $\frac{3}{8}$ easier this morning. There was some early selling, and with sterling not for the moment continuing its recent improvement, and with the market generally awaiting the result of tenders for the tap issue, prices responded accordingly. In long-dated stocks prices lost a further $\frac{1}{8}$ fairly quickly, and the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ losses thus established remained until the close. Shorts rallied somewhat during the morning only to ease again later, so that by the close losses of $\frac{1}{4}$ were in evidence in this section of the market. During the morning it was announced that all tenders for the $11\frac{3}{4}\%$ 2003/07 stock had been allotted in full at the minimum price of $96\frac{1}{2}$.

The Industrial market opened steady at around the overnight levels. Prices, however, tended to drift lower during the day on small routine selling with most sections closing at the worst levels. Banking issues were a particularly weak feature on profit-taking after the recent results from Lloyds and National Westminster, while Kaffir shares were slightly easier on the gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 463.6 (down 3.4)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	2,018,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	2,018,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	10,603,000
	Purchases	£	13,113,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	2,510,000