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Wednesday, 8th August, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was quietly firm at the opening and prices were about $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ above the previous day's closing level, which reflected some interest which had been shown after hours last evening. This firmer tendency continued throughout the morning and towards midday a considerable demand built up for the Government long-dated tap stock, Treasury 11 $\frac{3}{16}$ % 2003/07. This demand became so large that official supplies were exhausted at a price of 15 $\frac{1}{16}$ % (15% paid). After this burst of activity, the market became much quieter but by lunchtime rises of as much as $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 point were widespread in the medium and long-dated issues and the short-dated bonds were also firm, showing rises of $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$. The market remained firm, though much neglected during the afternoon. The price of the exhausted tap stock at one time improved to 15 $\frac{1}{16}$ % but closed the day at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The best levels were, however, maintained in other areas of the market, which closed looking firm at or just below the best levels.

The Industrial market opened higher, extending the better tone of yesterday. Prices continued to move ahead during the day on renewed small buying interest and all sections closed at the best levels. Electrical, Property and Banking shares were particularly firm sectors, while Oil issues failed to maintain the higher levels. Kaffir shares improved in line with the gold fix price, while U.D.T. and Glywned improved following their respective results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 474.2 (up 7.6)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	620,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	620,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	117,482,000
	Purchases	£	40,084,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	77,398,000