

Monday, 10th September, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market opened steady in the shorts and about $\frac{1}{8}$ down in longs from Friday's 3.30 prices. This was in fact somewhat higher than the levels reached after hours on Friday following the announcement of the two new tap stocks. Very little took place in early dealings and prices remained steady, but around lunchtime one or two sellers appeared in the longer stocks and this section of the market eased slightly. During the afternoon long prices were maintained and closed about $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8}$ down on the day. Shorts after minor fluctuations closed at around opening levels.

The Industrial market opened steady with prices generally untested on the first day of the new account. The F. T. Index was initially lower but this was a false position created by several leading issues becoming ex-dividend. Selective investment interest caused prices to improve during the day and close at the best levels. Imperial Group were firm after the announcement of a large American acquisition giving renewed impetus to their diversification away from traditional trading activities. In a quietly firm Stores sector, House of Fraser were better on further press suggestion of impending take-over moves by Lonrho. Engineering shares were marginally easier on the threat of further industrial disruption. Kaffirs were in demand, in line with the higher bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 474.2 (up 0.7)

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Sales

NIL

Purchases

NIL

Bank

Sales

£ 9,338,000

Purchases

£25,006,000

Nett Purchases on balance

£15,668,000