

Wednesday, 26th September, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was looking very firm at the opening. Prices improved by $\frac{3}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ in the short-dated bonds and $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the long-dated issues. A very large demand developed for the Government short-dated tap stock, Exchequer 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ % 1984, and soon after the opening official supplies were exhausted at a price of 96. After this initial burst of activity the market boiled over and some profit-takers were seen, particularly in the area of the short-dated bonds. Long-dated issues remained firm throughout the morning and maintained rises of $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ a point. Little change was seen during the afternoon and the market closed looking reasonably firm, at or around the best levels in the long-dated stocks but either unchanged or slightly easier in the short-dated bonds.

The Industrial market opened slightly higher, extending yesterday's better tone. Prices continued to improve during the day but most sections eased towards the close on small profit-taking. Oil shares were again in demand, while Ocean Transport were a firm feature on the charter announcement on one of their ships. Tate & Lyle were marginally easier after the interim dividend statement, while Kaffir shares improved in subdued trading.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 470.4 (up 0.6)

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| <u>C.N.D.</u> | Sales | £ | 3,438,000 |
| | Purchases | £ | 7,057,000 |
| | Nett Purchases on balance | £ | 3,619,000 |
| <u>Bank</u> | Sales | £ | 387,964,000 |
| | Purchases | £ | 6,042,000 |
| | Nett Sales on balance | £ | 381,922,000 |