

Friday, 28th September, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market was slightly easier at the opening for no apparent reason other than the fact that so much stock had been taken out of the market during the early part of the week, and little business was expected in advance of the week-end. Prices, where changed, were $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ lower throughout the list but few, if any, sellers appeared and, in fact, by midday the early losses had been regained on the appearance of a few cheap buyers. By lunchtime prices at the long end of the market had improved by as much as $\frac{1}{4}$ and the short-dated bonds by $\frac{1}{16}$. The market became very quiet during the afternoon and eased slightly when it was known that a major American bank had raised its prime rate to $13\frac{1}{2}\%$. The market, however, closed the day looking reasonably steady, more or less unchanged in the short-dated bonds and about $\frac{1}{8}$ above the opening levels in the medium and long-dated issues.

The Industrial market opened steady at around the overnight levels. Prices, however, after improving initially, generally failed to maintain the higher levels, with all sections easing in later trading to close slightly lower on balance. Brewery and Electrical shares eased during the day, while Insurance issues closed with small nett gains. Unigate were again in demand, while Kaffir shares opened sharply higher but generally closed below the best levels.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 471.3 (down 1.7)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	2,633,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	2,633,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	31,901,000
	Purchases	£	3,012,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	28,889,000