

Monday, 22nd October, 1979.

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The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in all sections. Prices in the short-dated bonds were $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{16}$ down and in the medium and long-dated stocks $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ lower. These falls were partly due to some selling which had taken place late on the previous Friday evening and subsequent fears of even higher interest rates in the U.S.A. Selling was not heavy but once again buyers were very few and far between and no recovery was seen during the morning; in fact, by lunchtime the whole market had fallen by a further $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ from the opening levels. A slightly steadier appearance was seen during the early afternoon but this was short lived and the whole market closed the day looking barely steady, at or around the lowest levels, showing falls of between $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ in all sections.

The Industrial market opened slightly easier on the first day of the new account, partially on the weakness on Wall Street on Friday evening. Prices tended to drift marginally lower throughout the day on small routine selling, with most sections at the worst levels. E.M.I. moved higher on the possibility of a counter bid, while Mothercare were sharply higher following the interim figures. Oil and Property shares improved after initial dullness, while Kaffir issues fluctuated around the opening levels.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

468.1 (down 1.7)

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Sales and Purchases

NIL

Bank