

Wednesday, 14th November, 1979.

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The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in all sections and this tendency was thought to be mainly due, first to the rejection by the miners of a 20% wage increase; the forecast of further deterioration in the economic outlook for the United Kingdom and Press comment on the near certainty of rises in interest rates before the end of the week. Selling was not particularly heavy but the buyers who had been present on the previous day were conspicuous by their absence and jobbers marked prices down sharply in order to avoid buying too much stock. As a result, by midday falls of as much as 1 point or more were widespread. The market continued this easier trend during the afternoon and, although there were one or two attempts at a small rally, these were short lived and the whole market closed the day looking soft at the lowest levels, with falls ranging between $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ points from the short to the long-dated end of the market.

The Industrial market opened easier on the miners' rejection of the latest pay offer, the latest Treasury pessimistic economic forecast and the weaker tone on Wall Street. Prices continued to react sharply during the day and, with a total lack of buying interest ahead of the trade figures, all sections closed at the worst levels. Property, Engineering and Brewery shares were dull sectors, while Kaffirs rallied to close at the higher levels. F. W. Woolworth and Chloride eased following their respective results, while General Accident and Unilever were unchanged after their statements.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 411.2 (down 12.3)

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Sales

NIL

Purchases

£ 2,936,000

Nett Purchases on balance

£ 2,936,000