

Wednesday, 16th January, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was quiet and unchanged in the medium and long-dated issues but slightly easier in the short-dated bonds at the opening. Business was on a very much smaller scale compared to the previous two days but, soon after the market opened, some quite substantial buyers were seen once again, particularly in the area of the short-dated bonds and there was a large demand for Exchequer 3% Stock 1984. The firmness in the shorts spread down the list during the morning and by lunchtime an improvement of $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ was seen in the long end of the market. The market remained looking firm during the afternoon and, with the jobbers short of stock, prices increased again and although closing slightly below the best levels, rises of $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 point were widespread in the high coupon long-dated issues.

The Industrial market opened steady, after yesterday's hesitant trend. Prices continued to move higher during the day as buyers found stock in short supply and all sections closed at the best levels. Oil, Insurance and Store shares were particularly firm sectors, while Kaffir issues reached new highs on the record gold fix price. Tate & Lyle, Trust House Forte and Magnet & Southern all responded with rises following their respective results.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 453.2 (up 11.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	2,262,000
	Purchases	£	2,258,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	4,000

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	89,414,000
	Purchases	£	18,145,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	71,269,000