

Tuesday, 29th April, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market continued its improvement today, aided by the continuing fall in U.S. interest rates. The market opened up to $\frac{1}{4}$ better, but quickly saw buyers, and by mid-morning short-dated stocks were up to $\frac{3}{8}$ higher while longs were showing rises of up to $\frac{3}{4}$. After consolidating at this level the whole market improved again by a further $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8}$, but lost this additional rise following unconfirmed reports of an aerial incident off Iran. After lunch however the market recovered its poise and started to go ahead again. This firmer tendency was maintained until the close, when shorts were up to $\frac{1}{2}$ better on the day, with longs up to 1 point higher.

The Industrial market opened steady in quiet trading conditions. Prices improved during the day but light selling during the afternoon session caused most sectors to close just below the best levels. Major Oil stocks saw two-way trade but secondary issues were in demand throughout on further consideration of North Sea interests. I.C. Gas and Ultramar were features, while Carless, Capel were firm after confirmation of a hydro-carbon discovery in Hampshire. Building shares were generally better with Tarmac hardening following excellent final results. Blue Circle encountered continued support after recent good figures. Kaffirs were lower in line with the gold price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 436.3 (up 4.2)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	2,301,000
	Purchases	£	2,453,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	152,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	71,478,000
	Purchases	£	665,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	70,813,000