

Monday, 2nd June, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was easier at the opening in all sections and this mostly reflected some selling which had been seen after hours on the previous Friday evening, following the announcement of the new Government long-dated tap stock, Exchequer 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 1994. Selling was not particularly heavy but it was persistent throughout the morning and buyers were conspicuous by their absence, after some rather unfavourable press comment over the week-end. By lunchtime falls of  $\frac{1}{2}$ % in the shorts and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point in the long-dated issues were widespread. The market continued on the same course during the early part of the afternoon but a few cheap buyers were seen just before the close and the market ended the day looking barely steady, about  $\frac{1}{16}$  above the lowest levels.

The Industrial market opened lower on the first day of the new account, with sentiment adversely affected by further discussion concerning worsening industrial and economic conditions. However, there was no selling pressure and most sectors were barely changed on the day. The F.T. Index was down as several stocks became ex-dividend. Oil shares received a fillip from the latest North Sea oil price increases with most issues encountering substantial support from home and overseas investors. British Petroleum were firm ahead of first quarter results due this week and Burmah improved after bullish press comment for future prospects. Lasmo were better on renewed takeover speculation. In the Paper sector, Reed International and De La Rue were dull prior to figures expected later in the week. Kaffirs were in demand as the gold price rose after week-end disturbances in South Africa.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

412.7 (down 3.2)

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Sales and Purchases

NIL

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