

Thursday, 10th July, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market improved quite sharply at the opening and rises of  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{3}{8}$  were widespread in all sections, some of which were due to buying which had taken place after hours on the previous evening. The Bank was able to make the first sale of the new medium-dated tap stock, Treasury 12% 1987, at  $20\frac{1}{8}$  (20% paid) and the market continued to be firm until midday, showing rises of as much as  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point at the long end and  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  in the short-dated bonds. From then onwards, for no apparent reason, profit-takers appeared and some quite substantial lines of stock were sold at or around the higher levels. This easier tendency continued throughout the afternoon and the market closed the day looking barely steady, about  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  above the opening levels in the long-dated issues and either unchanged or slightly easier in the shorts and mediums.

The Industrial market opened steady at around the overnight levels. Prices, however, after improving initially on new time buying interest, failed to maintain the best levels with most sections easing to close slightly lower on balance. Oil shares continued to meet profit-taking, while Property and Store issues eased from the higher prices. Imperial Tobacco were sharply lower following their interim figures, while Howden Group were marginally higher on the final results. Kaffir issues eased during the day on the gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 491.0 (down 2.0)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	1,033,000
	Purchases	£	5,125,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	4,092,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	24,797,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	24,797,000