

Tuesday, 15th July, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market opened quietly firm with little change from the overnight prices. However during the morning demand began to build up and although turnover was not heavy prices responded accordingly. The authorities were able to sell a further amount of Treasury 12% 1987 at  $20\frac{1}{8}$  and finished at this price. Again in the afternoon further buyers appeared, and with the longer end leading the way, prices continued to advance. By the 3.30 close shorts were showing rises of up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  while longs were up to  $\frac{1}{8}$  better on the day. The Trade Figures showing a small deficit on Visible Trade were well received.

The Industrial market opened slightly higher following the sharply better tone on Wall Street. Prices continued to improve throughout the day on renewed investment demand, with most sections closing at the best levels ahead of the June Trade Figures. Insurance, Electrical and Oil shares were particularly firm sectors, while Banking issues provided an isolated weak feature. Rank Organisation continued to move easier on overnight press comment following yesterday's disappointing figures, while Kaffir shares were dull on the lower gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 497.2 (up 7.5)

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| <u>BANK</u> | Sales                 | £ | 29,878,000 |
|             | Purchases             |   | NIL        |
|             | Nett Sales on balance | £ | 29,878,000 |