

Tuesday, 22nd July, 1980.

Following the substantial rises of yesterday which in turn incited some press comment, the Gilt Edged market opened somewhat easier this morning, with early prices up to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  down in the longer end. However after the early selling, buyers appeared so that prices mostly came off the bottom and by lunchtime falls of  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  were widespread throughout the market. During the afternoon there were minor fluctuations, but on the whole prices closed the day at around the lunchtime levels.

The Industrial market was initially steady at the overnight levels. However, profit-taking, on fears for the money supply prospects and the announcement of higher unemployment figures, caused most sectors to ease during the day. Brewery shares were dull following cautious statements from Whitbread and Allied Breweries. Reed International encountered sellers ahead of next week's results. D.R.G. and Bowater were marked down in sympathy. Electrical issues were weak, affected by a bearish statement from the Racial Chairman. Eurotherm were sharply lower on the disappointing interim figures. Kaffirs were easier as the gold price declined.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 488.4 (down 7.6)

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Sales

NIL

Purchases

£ 1,192,000

Nett Purchases on balance

£ 1,192,000