

Monday, 27th October, 1980.

The Gilt Edged market was steady at the opening and, where changed, prices in the medium and long-dated areas of the market were $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ higher. Business was on a reasonable scale throughout the morning and some demand was seen for the Government medium-dated tap stock, Exchequer 11³/₄% 1986 (30% paid). The firmness in this area of the market spread down the list to the long-dated issues which, due to shortage of stock, improved by as much as $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ of a point by lunchtime. The market was looking firm in the early part of the afternoon but eased slightly before the close, to end the day looking steady but about $\frac{1}{16}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ below the best levels.

The Industrial market opened steady on the first day of the new account. Initial selective investment caused prices to improve marginally before drifting back on lack of interest. Most sectors closed slightly better on balance. Electricals were active with both G.E.C. and Rank Organisation firm features. Plessey were unchanged on the announcement of a long term Government communications contract. Stores showed continued strength on reports of better trading conditions. J. Sainsbury encountered renewed demand on suggestion of a larger market share in Food retailing. Property shares were firm on hopes for a fall in interest rates during the current account. Kaffirs were better as the bullion price increased.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 496.1 (up 0.6)

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Sales	£	26,751,000
Purchases	£	10,804,000
Nett Sales on balance	£	15,947,000