

Monday, 6th April, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened steady, but once again the international situation and comments on the prospects for U.S. interest rates brought in a few early sellers. Prices eased slightly and by lunchtime the market was about  $\frac{1}{8}$  down in shorts and  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  lower in longs. Conditions remained very quiet during the afternoon, but there was no improvement in prices which closed slightly below the lunchtime levels.

The Industrial market opened easier, affected by profit-taking at the start of the second week for the current account. Selling was fairly widespread with most sectors moving lower during the day although closing slightly above the worst levels. Oils remained weak on reports of further cuts in production to counter the falling demand. The Building sector was dull after the recent firm trend. However, Taylor Woodrow improved prior to results expected later this week. Stores were mainly steady but J. Hepworth were better following weekend press comment suggesting an impending takeover bid by British Land. Clearing Banks and Insurance shares were generally lower through lack of support. Kaffirs and Mining Financials were in demand as the gold price hardened on the worsening Polish situation.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 534.3 (down 5.3)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£ 2,105,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 2,105,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£ 14,952,000
	Purchases	£ 18,685,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£ 3,733,000