

Monday, 13th April, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened easier this morning following the rise in U.S. interest rates which had been evidenced both by rises in certain prime rates and a falling U.S. bond market. Prices were soon up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  down, and fears of possible pressure arising from the default of Hedderwick Stirling were not a helpful influence. The market continued to drift during the afternoon and by the close short-dated stocks were showing losses of up to  $\frac{3}{8}$  while longs were up to 1 point easier.

The Industrial market opened easier with sentiment still affected by Friday's news that a major stockbroking firm has defaulted. Prices drifted lower during the day through a marked lack of support, closing around the worst levels in quiet trading conditions. Leading 'blue-chip' companies were dull and Glaxo fell prior to interim profits due to be published this evening. Building shares were easier although Rugby Portland Cement remained unchanged after half-yearly figures. Engineering issues were flat on week-end press comment suggesting any economic recovery is unlikely before next year. Lucas Industries were weak following the latest announcement of redundancies. Stores were generally lower but Burton Group were steady on interim results which exceeded market estimates. The Banking and Insurance sectors were weak throughout. Kaffirs declined in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 545.0 (down 6.3)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	1,993,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	1,993,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	21,933,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	21,933,000