

Tuesday, 23rd June, 1981.

With the sterling rate higher and some comments coming through from the U.S. that interest rates there were thought to be heading lower, the Gilt Edged market opened quietly firm with shorts up to $\frac{1}{8}$ higher and longs about $\frac{1}{4}$ better. A certain amount of early buying appeared and prices responded accordingly so that by lunchtime rises of up to $\frac{3}{8}$ in shorts and $\frac{1}{2}$ in longs were in evidence. Once again turnover fell away after lunch and the market closed with little net change from the lunchtime level.

The Industrial market opened steady following yesterday's slightly firmer trend. Prices tended to improve marginally during the morning in subdued trading but lack of follow through caused most sections to react and close at or around the overnight levels. Electrical shares, initially easier on profit-taking, rallied strongly ahead of results later this week from Racal and Plessey. British Petroleum drifted lower ex-rights, while the new shares met small selling throughout the day. Lloyds Bank were a firm feature on rumours of a possible asset revaluation with other banking issues improving in sympathy. Kaffir shares met support on the higher gold fix price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 543.8 (down 0.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	559,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	559,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	77,551,000
	Purchases	£	22,568,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	54,983,000