

Monday, 29th June, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened slightly firmer this morning with all sections showing rises of up to $\frac{1}{8}$. The steadier tone appeared to encourage a little buying and prices rose gently throughout the morning so that by lunchtime rises of up to $\frac{3}{8}$ in shorts and $\frac{5}{8}$ in longs were in evidence. A relatively firm early performance by U.S. bonds kept the undertone healthy, but no further progress was made and the market closed around the lunchtime level.

The Industrial market opened steady on the first day of the new account. Most sectors tended higher during the day on selective investment interest. Trading conditions were quiet but an absence of sellers helped prices to close at the slightly better levels. Property shares were in demand on revived hopes of lower interest rates in the near future. Land Securities and MEPC were particularly strong features. Oil issues moved within narrow margins although Tricentrol made further progress following news of a reorganisation scheme. Among secondary stocks, Berkeley Exploration were well supported after favourable weekend press comment. Clearing Banks and Insurance companies improved, while Arbuthnot Latham were sharply higher on confirmation of a bid approach. Electricals continued to attract institutional buyers and GEC were firm prior to final results expected on Thursday. Kaffirs were flat as the gold price remained depressed.

	Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)	543.7 (up 2.8)
<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£ 280,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 280,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£ 47,723,000
	Purchases	£ 499,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 47,224,000