

Monday, 10th August 1981

The Gilt Edged market opened steady in the longer end with the shorts generally about $\frac{1}{8}$ easier. During the morning shorts tended to recover while the longs continued unchanged or slightly firmer. Following the publication of the wholesale price index, a few buyers came in in longs and prices improved in this section throughout the afternoon to close generally about $\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$ up. Shorts recovered their early losses to show little net change on balance.

The Industrial market opened steady on the first day of the new account. Most sectors improved during the day on selective investment interest encouraged by hopes of lower American interest rates. Prices closed around the best levels but trading conditions remained quiet. Electricals were in demand with GEC and Plessey particularly strong on institutional buying. Among better "blue-chip" issues, Unilever were well supported on consideration of their large overseas earnings. BOC International hardened on favourable press comment prior to interim results due later this week. Oil shares were higher with BP, Shell and Ultramar all improving ahead of figures to be announced in the near future. Engineers, Stores and Breweries were generally firm throughout. In mainly unchanged Financials, Hambros Bank were sharply better following the share split. Kaffirs eased in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 541.6 (up 3.6)

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Sales and Purchases NIL

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Sales £9,594,000
Purchases NIL