

Tuesday, 13th October, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market has remained much quieter than of late and a certain amount of profit-taking has continued. After seeing sellers after hours yesterday the market opened up to $\frac{3}{8}$ down this morning, and at this level a small two-way business took place with sellers just predominating. As a result prices eased a little further during the morning and then fluctuated within narrow margins for the rest of the day. Prices tended to improve following the cuts in some U.S. prime rates but did not hold the higher levels. By the close the market was showing losses on the day of $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$ in all sections.

The Industrial market remained nervous at the opening on the continued fall in sterling. Prices, after moving sharply lower initially, rallied marginally in later trading to close slightly above the worst levels. Glaxo opened easier on further reflection of yesterday's figures, while Tarmac opened lower following the bid for Hoveringham. Kaffir issues drifted on the gold fix price, while Oil shares moved lower on balance.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 482.7 (down 8.3)

C.N.D. Sales and Purchases NIL

BANK Sales 592,000
Purchases £ 9,491,000
Nett Purchases on balance £ 8,899,000