

Tuesday, 27th October 1981

The Gilt-edged market opened quietly firm with rises of up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in the shorts and mediums and $\frac{1}{8}$ in the longs. Encouraged by an absence of sellers and the high yields obtainable a few buyers appeared and prices edged better throughout the day. By the close the shorts had gained $\frac{1}{2}$ point and the mediums up to $\frac{5}{8}$. Longs remained neglected but rose $\frac{3}{8}$ in sympathy.

The Industrial market opened steady. Most sectors improved during the day on selective investment support but business conditions remained subdued. Prices began to drift lower towards the close through lack of interest. Leading 'blue-chip' companies were firm with institutional buyers appearing for Beecham and Glaxo. ICI were better on suggestions that third quarter profits to be announced on Thursday could exceed current estimates. Oil shares extended yesterday's gains on favourable weekend press comment and hopes of a unified pricing agreement at this week's OPEC meeting. Electricals and Engineers were generally higher following news of several large overseas contracts. Among better Food issues, Brooke Bond improved on the encouraging final results. Kaffirs hardened in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 464.8 (up 3.0)

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Sales	£1,993,000
Purchases	£2,006,000
Nett Purchases on balance	£ 13,000

Bank

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Purchases	NIL
Nett sales on balance	£9,820,000