

Friday, 13th November, 1981.

The Gilt-Edged market opened steady in the shorts, and quietly firm in the longs with rises of about $\frac{1}{4}$ in this area. The market was quieter than yesterday and initially short-dated stocks eased slightly, but by lunchtime turnover had improved and the market was generally back to opening levels. In the afternoon an improved U.S. bond market, and a sharp fall in the rate at the Treasury Bill tender both combined to bring in buying and the market improved to close about $\frac{1}{8}$ better in shorts and $\frac{1}{2}$ up in longs.

At 3.30 the issue by tender was announced of £1 billion Exchequer 14% 1986 at a minimum price of $95\frac{3}{4}$.

The Industrial market opened better at the end of the first week for the current account. However investors were deterred by increasing fears of Ford carworkers' strike over pay and the higher Retail Prices Index. Most sectors fell during the day as sellers appeared and prices closed around the worst levels. Leading 'blue-chip' companies were easier although Dunlop improved on revived suggestion of a bid approach. Electricals encountered widespread profit-taking following the recent firm trend. In the Shipping sector, British and Commonwealth made renewed progress on further consideration of yesterday's excellent interim figures and statement. Stores fluctuated in active two-way trade, while British Home Stores moved ahead on vague takeover gossip. Banking and Insurance issues were generally lower on lack of support. Kaffirs were higher in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 514.1 (down 4.1)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£ 9,031,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 9,031,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£ 171,229,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 171,229,000