

Up after hours Trade figs

Monday, 25th January, 1982.

but US bars lower now.

On Friday evening following the announcement of the new Index-Linked stock at 3.30, fixed-coupon stocks had generally improved after hours by up to $\frac{1}{2}$, while the existing Index-Linked stocks had fallen by about $1\frac{1}{4}$ points. This morning however the market had to contend with the most recent U.S. money supply figures, and as a result prices of fixed-coupon stocks opened about half-way between the prices at 3.30 on Friday and the best of the subsequent prices before the weekend. This level quickly proved to be too high and sellers came in throughout the market. As a result prices of all stocks fell away quite sharply and by lunchtime were showing losses of up to 1 point in the longer end. During the afternoon shorts continued to ease while the long market looked rather steadier, but prices still finished the day showing losses of up to $1\frac{1}{8}$ in all sections. The two existing Index-Linked stocks continued to be a weak market throughout the day and closed down $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 points respectively from Friday's 3.30 close.

The December Trade Figures announced at the close were well received but had little discernible effect on price levels.

The Industrial market opened lower on the first day of the new three-week account. Dealers were worried by the threat of higher American interest rates and prices fell across a broad front as jobbers encountered widespread profit-taking after the recent firm trend. Most sectors closed slightly above the worst levels as several cheap buyers appeared in later trading. In the Food sector, Huntley and Palmer improved following the £75 million bid approach by Rowntree Mackintosh which was immediately rejected as inadequate by the Huntley board. Imperial Group were better on favourable press comment prior to forthcoming results. Among dull Electricals, Rank Organisation were higher ahead of annual figures to be announced this evening. ACC hardened awaiting further takeover developments. Clearing Banks weakened but Discount House shares were firm in response to encouraging final profits and increased dividend from Alexanders. Engineers were lower and British Aerospace declined on fears that the American Congress may block a £600 million Air Force contract. Builders, Properties and Breweries were generally easier throughout. Kaffirs were dull in line with the gold price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 556.7 (down 10.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales and Purchases		NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	50,290,000
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