

Monday, 15th February, 1982.

The Gilt-Edged market has again been extremely quiet today. Following the latest U.S. money supply figures, prices opened slightly easier and during the morning shorts were up to $\frac{3}{8}$ down and longs up to $\frac{1}{2}$ down. At these levels, with a few early sellers out of the way, prices steadied and by the close of business the market was generally slightly above the lowest. Shorts closed $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ lower with longs about $\frac{3}{8}$ down on the day. Index-Linked stocks were also marginally easier with the 2011 stock closing at $35\frac{5}{8}$.

The Industrial market opened easier at the beginning of a new account. Sentiment was adversely influenced by the latest Federal Reserve report that the American money supply figures are rising again and interest rates will not fall in the near future. However, there was very little selling pressure and most sectors rallied during the day although prices remained lower on balance. Leading 'blue-chip' companies were quietly firm after an uncertain start and ICI encountered institutional support prior to forthcoming results. Oils were dull following bearish week-end press comment suggesting a further decline in crude prices. Among Paper shares, Bowater hardened on speculation of an impending 'dawn raid'. Clearing Banks were slightly better while Insurance issues improved on widespread demand. Electricals were generally lower although ACC were higher on recent bid developments. Kaffirs declined in line with the bullion price.

	Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)		564.8 (down 5.7)
<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales and Purchases		NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	2,374,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	2,374,000