

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1982.

The Gilt-Edged market has again been firm today, but price movements continued to be sharp on a relatively low amount of buying. With U.S. bonds better overnight, and with comment continuing to focus on the chances of lower rates over here, prices in Gilt-Edged opened up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher in the longer end. This rise was not sufficient to deter buyers however and prices drifted upwards in all sections throughout the day, though in shorts there were one or two reactions. U.S. bonds came in firm again in the afternoon and shorts closed up to  $\frac{3}{8}$  higher with longs having improved by up to 1 point on the day.

The Industrial market opened better with investors encouraged by revived speculation of a cut in short-term domestic interest rates. Most sectors continued to rise during the day on selective institutional buying although prices closed just below the best levels. Among leading 'blue-chip' companies, Fisons made further progress following bullish press comment for yesterday's figures and renewed takeover suggestions. Unilever reacted on profit-taking though final results were in line with the market expectations. Croda fell after last night's announcement that Burmah will not increase their bid terms. Oil issues were quietly firm despite prevailing fears of even lower crude oil prices. Clearing Banks and Insurance shares were higher on consideration of a brighter outlook after some good results recently. Electricals, Engineers and Breweries were generally better throughout. Kaffirs rallied as the gold price improved.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 556.5 (up 5.7)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£ 16,148,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 16,148,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£ 21,588,000
	Purchases	NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 21,588,000