

Friday, 2nd April, 1982.

Following the improvement in both U.S. bonds and the sterling/dollar rate the Gilt-Edged market opened quietly firm this morning with rises of up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the longer end. In spite of the news from the Falkland Islands the market remained at or near these levels during the morning, but in the afternoon a few profit-takers brought prices back slightly. By the close shorts were showing little change on the day, while longs retained rises of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Index-Linked were fractionally easier with the 1988 stock closing at 49 (50% paid).

The Industrial market opened better with selective institutional investment encouraged by optimism concerning brighter economic prospects and hopes of lower short-term interest rates. Most sectors remained firm during the day, closing around the best levels. Among leading 'blue-chip' companies, Glaxo made further progress ahead of next week's interim statement. In an otherwise dull Brewery sector, Guinness improved on news of the sale of their holiday subsidiary to English China Clay for £13.2 million. Electricals, Builders and Stores were generally well supported throughout. Imperial Group hardened following the announcement that they have sold two loss-making farming businesses to a private company for £48.5 million. Engineering shares eased with Bridon particularly weak on adverse press comment. Kaffirs were marginally higher in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 572.4 (up 2.3)

C.N.D. Sales and Purchases NIL

<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	22,160,000
	Purchases	£	12,005,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	10,155,000