

Wednesday, 7th April, 1982.

The Gilt-Edged market was still in the process today of trying to find a new level after the events of the last few days. In initial dealings some buyers had returned to the market and in current sensitive conditions this brought a sharp upward movement in prices, with longs at one time up to 2 points better. However sellers came in at these levels and prices reacted again during the morning, so that by lunchtime shorts were showing rises of  $\frac{1}{2}$  while longs were about  $\frac{3}{4}$  up on balance. Prices fluctuated during the afternoon, with business generally a lot less than in the past two days, and by the close shorts showed rises of  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{8}$ , while mediums and longs finished the day around the lunchtime levels.

The Industrial market opened firmer, extending yesterday afternoon's sharp recovery on hopes of a peaceful solution to the Falkland Island situation. Prices improved over a wide front initially but lack of sustained demand caused most sections to react and close below the best levels. Sun Alliance and Phoenix eased following their respective figures, while Gill & Duffus results proved in line with forecasts. Gold issues failed to maintain the higher levels on the gold fix price, while companies with large Argentine interests showed the largest gains after the recent falls.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 558.6 (up 5.6)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales		NIL
	Purchases	£	176,000
	<b>Nett Purchases on balance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>176,000</b>
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	7,769,000
	Purchases	£	6,008,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	1,761,000