

Wednesday, 28th April, 1982.

The Gilt-edged market opened very quietly and largely unchanged from the overnight levels. Short-dated bonds tentatively added $\frac{1}{8}$ but failed to retain this improvement in the absence of any follow through. Index-Linked stocks fell by up to $\frac{3}{4}$ as attempts were made to switch from them into conventional issues and the long market drifted down by $\frac{1}{4}$. A reduction in tension in the Falkland dispute encouraged prices to recover and rumours of a possible continuation of diplomatic negotiations enabled the market to close on a better note with short prices rising by up to $\frac{1}{4}$ and longs unchanged on the day.

The Industrial market rallied after a nervous opening on the overnight developments on the Falkland Island situation. Prices continued to move higher as buyers took an optimistic view on the outcome with most sections closing at the better levels. Banking and Insurance shares both recovered after an initial easier trend, while Oil issues rallied strongly on overnight strength on Wall Street. BAT's and W. H. Smith moved higher following their excellent results, with Rank Organisation providing a dull feature on the Xerox statement. Pearson Longman eased following the formal offer from S. Pearson, while Kaffir shares moved selectively higher where changed.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 573.7 (up 3.5)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	3,142,000
	Purchases	£	4,503,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	1,361,000

<u>BANK</u>	Sales and Purchases	NIL
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