

Thursday, 8th July, 1982.

Aided by a firmer U.S. bond market, the Gilt Edged market which had been looking easier after hours yesterday, turned firmer again today. After opening up to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher than yesterday's 3.30 close, the market remained steady for most of the morning with shorts seeing the majority of the business and tending to edge forward. Following the Bank's adjustment of its bill dealing rates, the market improved again slightly and closed the day with shorts up to about $\frac{1}{4}$ better, with longs showing rises to $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Industrial market opened unchanged. Most sectors showed little movement throughout the day in quiet and featureless business conditions with prices closing slightly lower on balance. Electricals fluctuated in two-way trade. G.E.C. weakened in response to profit-taking after recent strength, while Thorn-EMI declined on renewed fears of a rights issue. Ferranti continued to attract buyers on bid speculation. Among steady leading 'blue-chip' companies, Beechams made further progress on consideration of yesterday's optimistic comments by the Chairman and Glaxo were marked up in sympathy. In the Food sector, Reckitt & Colman were better following news of the sale of a subsidiary for £7.7 million. Imperial Group were dull as half-year profits failed to satisfy analysts. Engineers, Builders and Stores were generally easier on lack of support. Kaffirs were firm in line with the higher gold price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 552.6 (down 2.6)

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| <u>C.N.D.</u> | Sales and Purchases | | NIL |
| <u>BANK</u> | Sales | £ | 16,762,000 |
| | Purchases | | NIL |
| | Nett Sales on balance | £ | 16,762,000 |