

Monday, 27th September, 1982.

Encouraging week-end press comment enabled the Gilt-edged market to open with rises of up to $\frac{1}{8}$ in the shorts and $\frac{1}{4}$ in the mediums and longs. 5 and 6 year issues were subdued by the presence of the issue announced at the previous close of business and lost up to $\frac{3}{8}$ in early trading; however, demand slowly increased in the short areas of the market. The lower rates at which the authorities dealt in the money market encouraged further buying and mediums improved by up to another $\frac{1}{4}$ while longs were up to $\frac{3}{8}$ higher. The firm opening of U.S. bonds enabled the market to close at its best level, showing rises of up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in the shorts and up to $\frac{3}{4}$ in the longs.

The Industrial market opened easier following an adverse CBI survey of economic trends. However, there was no selling pressure and prices fluctuated narrowly during the day, closing at the slightly lower levels in quiet and featureless trading conditions. Clearing Banks were dull with Lloyds Bank particularly weak on fears of problems concerning Hong Kong property loans. Stores were lower with F.W. Woolworth easing on lack of further takeover developments. Electricals improved on selective investment interest and Plessey hardened following news of an American acquisition. Cable and Wireless were firm after the announcement of a joint telecommunications venture in China. Oils were marked down on thoughts of further crude oil price reductions. Kaffirs declined in line with the lower bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

579.2 (down 2.4)

C.N.D.

and Sales and Purchases

NIL

BANK