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The Gilt Edged market was slightly easier at the opening in all sections and this followed an easier trend which had developed after hours on the previous Friday evening. Prices, soon after trading had started, were as much as $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ down in all sections. Selling was not heavy but buyers were conspicuous by their absence and, in particular, the two partly-paid stocks were looking rather weak, a call of 40% being due on Treasury 12% 1984 stock on the 11th July. Although selling was not heavy, this easier tendency continued throughout the morning and by lunchtime short-dated bonds were showing falls of $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ a point and the long-dated issues as much as 1 point or more in places. Little or no recovery was seen during the afternoon, following the announcement of the rise in the Wholesale Price Index and the market closed the day looking rather soft at the lowest levels.

The Industrial market opened steady. Prices remained narrowly mixed throughout the day in quiet trading conditions. Tobaccos were firm ahead of the Imperial Tobacco interim results, due on Thursday. Oil Exploration were dull on adverse press comment concerning the Phillips North Sea oil discovery. Although the find is significant, it is smaller than expected. Banks were weak on vague rumours of a rights issue. Kaffirs eased as the bullion price remained steady.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 469.6 (down 1.4)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	NIL
	Purchases	£ 6,157,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£ 6,157,000
<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£ 7,192,000
	Purchases	£ 5,911,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£ 1,281,000