

Friday, 5th October, 1979.

The Gilt Edged market opened steady in short-dated stocks, with longs $\frac{1}{8}$ easier in face of fears of further increases in U.S. Rates, and worries about the implications of the engineering settlement. No selling developed however and there was just enough buying in a very thin market to raise prices $\frac{1}{8}$ by lunchtime. With no changes in the afternoon, the market closed steady with shorts about $\frac{1}{8}$ up and longs unchanged on the day.

The Industrial market opened slightly higher on the settlement of the engineering dispute. Prices, however, after improving initially, failed to maintain the best levels on lack of follow through on the last day of the account, together with small profit-taking. Property and Oil shares tended to improve on balance while Insurance, Brewery and Electrical issues were easier on the day. Kaffir shares, initially dull, rallied slightly on the improvement on the gold fix price in later trading.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 479.0 (down 2.4)

<u>Bank</u>	Sales	£	8,695,000
	Purchases	£	8,250,000
	Nett Sales on balance	£	445,000