

Tuesday, 30th December 1980

The Gilt Edged market opened quiet and slightly easier, with short-dated stocks about $\frac{1}{8}$ dcwn and with longs showing scattered small falls. During the morning the longer end tended to ease away slightly and by lunchtime prices were about $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ down throughout the list. Activity was relatively low during the afternoon and although there were minor fluctuations in prices the market as a whole closed the day at the lunchtime levels.

The Industrial market opened slightly higher extending yesterday's trend. Most sectors managed further small gains during the day to close around the best levels. Trading conditions remained extremely quiet. Leading Oil shares were lower reflecting overnight weakness on Wall Street and concern over proposed changes in the Petroleum Revenue Tax. Electricals and Engineers were generally better following favourable press comment and GKN and BOC International continuing to be firm features. Building issues improved on suggestion of brighter prospects for the sector while Taylor Woodrow were in demand after the announcement of large construction contracts. Stores encountered some support on news that the latest sales are proceeding favourably. Kaffirs eased in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 pm) 472.9 (up 2.9)

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Sales £ 467,000

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Purchases £2,201,000