

Tuesday, 28th April, 1981.

Following the rise in some short-term U.S. rates, the Gilt Edged market opened uncertainly, with longer stocks $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ easier. Some selling soon developed, more particularly in shorts, and prices fell throughout the market. By lunchtime short-dated stocks were up to $\frac{5}{16}$ easier and longs up to $\frac{5}{8}$ down. At this level the market steadied and became much quieter. There was relatively little turnover during the afternoon and prices closed at around the lunchtime levels.

The Industrial market opened steady. However, prices fell sharply during the day through lack of investment support to counter widespread profit-taking after the recent firm trend, most sectors closing around the worst levels. Electricals were lower with G.E.C., Racal Electronics and Plessey being particularly weak features. Property shares were marked down as hopes receded of a cut in interest rates in the near future. Engineering issues eased although Simon Engineering remained in demand on further consideration of yesterday's figures. In a dull Building sector, Blue Circle encountered considerable speculative support ahead of final results to be announced tomorrow. Tarmac were sharply higher as annual profits exceeded market estimates and the dividend was increased substantially. Stores, Foods and Breweries were generally easier throughout. Kaffirs fluctuated narrowly in line with the bullion price.

	Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)	572.4 (down 13.6)
<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales and Purchases	NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	NIL
	Purchases	£ 77,436
	Nett Purchases on balance	£ 77,436