

Monday, 13th July, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened slightly firmer this morning reflecting renewed hopes of a decline in U.S. rates. However after a few early buyers had pushed prices a little further ahead, the market became very quiet and lost a little ground particularly in the shorts which by lunchtime were generally showing small losses on the day. Thereafter prices fluctuated in a narrow range in continuing quiet conditions. At the close shorts were generally up to $\frac{1}{8}$ down while longs showed rises of about $\frac{1}{4}$ on balance. The two Index-Linked stocks also enjoyed a very idle day closing slightly better at $94\frac{1}{4}$ and $33\frac{3}{8}$ (30% paid).

The Industrial market opened steady on the first day of the new account. Most sectors tended higher during the day on selective investment interest. Prices closed around the best levels in relatively quiet trading conditions. Property shares continued to attract demand after the G.L.C. decision to prohibit all future office development in Central London. Land Securities were a strong feature, helped by a favourable broker's circular. Electricals were better with Thorn-EMI particularly firm on further consideration of last week's annual figures. Rank Organisation moved ahead prior to interim results expected this evening. Stores hardened and Mail Order stocks encountered considerable buying interest. The Oil sector was well supported following speculation of further petrol price increases. Clearing Banks weakened on suggestion that profits could be slightly lower when announced shortly. Insurance issues were dull on worries about the eventual cost of the recent civil disturbances. Kaffirs fluctuated narrowly before ending marginally easier in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.)

526.9 (up 2.3)

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Sales	£	324,000
Purchases		NIL
Nett Sales on balance	£	324,000

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Sales	£	25,510,000
Purchases	£	22,539,000
Nett Sales on balance	£	2,971,000