

Thursday, 8th April, 1982.

The announcement of the timing of the intended blockade of the Falkland Islands had an unsettling effect upon sterling, and consequently upon the Gilt-Edged market. Prices opened with losses of up to $\frac{3}{8}$ throughout the list; however selling was light and when sterling was seen to improve, prices of long-dated stocks quickly recovered to their overnight levels, and in some cases moved even further ahead. The shorts remained at their lower levels disturbed by fears of higher short-term interest rates. By the close longs were recording net gains of up to $\frac{1}{4}$ while shorts showed losses of up to $\frac{1}{2}$ a point.

The Industrial market opened steady at the end of the second week in the long Easter account. Most sectors fluctuated narrowly during the day in quiet and featureless business conditions with prices closing marginally higher on balance. Among firm leading 'blue-chip' companies, Glaxo were well supported on further consideration of the recent interim results and subsequently favourable press comment. In the Motors sector, Henlys encountered speculative demand on revived takeover gossip. Oil issues were better on selective overseas and institutional interest. Stores were selectively higher with Marks and Spencer improving following an upgrade in profit estimates. Electricals and Engineers were generally slightly better in subdued two-way trade. Kaffirs eased in line with the lower bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 562.2. (up 0.9)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales)		
	Purchases)		NIL
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	3,988,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	3,988,000