

Tuesday, 29th June 1982

The Gilt-Edged market took heart from the ending of the rail strike, although developments in the U.S. continued to exert a strong restraining influence on prices. The market opened about $\frac{1}{4}$ up in shorts and $\frac{1}{2}$ better in long-dated stocks, and at this level saw a little buying, which was sufficient to send the longer end slightly further ahead during the morning. Turnover generally however remained extremely low, and the market went no further ahead during the rest of the day to close about $\frac{1}{4}$ up in shorts, with longs $\frac{5}{8}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ high on the day.

The Industrial market opened higher reflecting relief that the rail strike is to end pending arbitration. Sentiment was also helped by the strong overnight performance of Wall Street. Business conditions remained extremely quiet but most sectors closed around the best levels. Electricals encountered renewed institutional investment with GEC sharply higher ahead of the annual results due later this week. Oil issues were depressed by adverse press comment while BP weakened on news that their Alaskan oilfield stake is to be reduced. Among firm leading 'blue-chip' companies, Glaxo and Unilever met persistent buying demand. Engineers, Stores and Foods were generally slightly better throughout. Kaffirs hardened as the bullion price increased.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 552.2 (up 8.0)

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Sales	NIL
Purchases	NIL

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Purchases	NIL
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