



Spoke at Mountbatten service to Margaret & Wiley about
Widgerby L.C.J. He has never been the same since the
fire. But Ann wd never let him stand down. Foster spoke
to me at the Lincoln Downes and Blom Cooper and A.N. Oke

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to Bourne recently. Lane spoke (at my request) when he

Thursday 20th December 1979

came to see me about other appointments. I fear we must

want for something to happen. There is no objective reason in
my judgment for my intervention. The main weakness lies
in his want of leadership and administrative capacity.

11.30

Memorial Service for Lord Mountbatten, and
the others of his family murdered. St. Paul's

15.00

Watkins J

18.15

Departmental Party

19.00 for

Merchant Taylor's Doctor's Dinner (DJ)

19.30

Merchant Taylor's Hall,
30 Threadneedle Street, EC2

Stormy Cab, but killed for the time being crazy idea abt
Strikes benefits wh: hits non unionists who are also fam?
men. Jenkins squeamish abt his speech on bill th:
afternoon (intended for students) wh: he is advised wide
enough for th: crazy scheme, but not for a general measure.
I was more concerned for the demerits of scheme than his

Queazy conscience abt his speech. M: proposed a form of wds wh
led JPT say ed g if Da wd. Ms siji y how dw a t me

blep n kodb ds Or ty to Mountbatten srs n St Paul's.