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TODAY'S THOUGHT: "Is your boss entitled to regard you as an ass or an asset?"—B. C. Forbes.

Wreckers are a debit to the unions

INDUSTRIAL violence such as that which flared up on the Brooklyn-Corio natural gas pipeline near Melbourne blackens the name of unionism.

The Australian public is sick and tired of the sort of stone-age behaviour of which the Melbourne affair was a typical example.

Union is strength. It is not licence for strikers to smash up everything in sight because they can't get their own way.

The Melbourne strikers claim that six "black" welders are being employed.

They themselves walked off on a pay-and-conditions issue, and the "black" welders are spoiling their strike.

Their reaction should be to take their grievance to the Arbitration Court.

But, no! They prefer blind, instant action, smashing up equipment on the job which is their bread and butter.

They are not reasoning men, they are wreckers, a debit to society and to trade unionism.

Their own union should disown them; they are no good to it — or anyone else.

Plaza victory

NOW the City Council has the green light to make the Martin Place Plaza really worth while.

The public has given conclusive proof of its popularity; and those gloomy prophecies that it would impede traffic flow were quite unfounded.

The Lord Mayor talks of spending \$100,000 on it as a permanent, mid-city refuge for the pedestrian.

Two considerations must receive attention:

- That \$100,000 should not encourage the Council to clutter walking space with unnecessary plaza furniture.

- For its own sake and the Plaza's, the Cenotaph should be moved to the Macquarie Street end of Martin place.

