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Sir:-

I read your article "The Risk Takers" in today's issue of NEWSWEEK and heartily commend you. Permit me to state my particular case.

I purchased a small established beauty parlor (catering to an all-white clientele) five years ago. I employ three operators. Just the other day, a colored woman entered by shop and desired some work performed on her head. I informed said woman that neither I nor my girls were experienced on 'kinky' hair. She became indignant and threatened me with picketing and reporting me to the anti-discrimination division of our state. Now, the irony of all this, is that there are TWO nice colored beauty shops within a radius of 3 blocks of my place. When I told her of this, her reply was: "Don't you dare tell me where to go".

Is this the sort of thing the Kennedys want? Will they subsidize me if I go bankrupt? Will they make my mortgage payments on my building and also the monthly payments on the chattel mortgage covering the fixtures that I purchased? Who will employ my 3 operators when I am compelled to lay them off? Aren't the Kennedy politicians and planners the persons you refer to that should recognize the need of maintaining a climate of "business confidence?"

A Disgusted Small Businessman.