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BORDENTOWN, N. J., July
15—A Negro barber was accused of racial discrimination
today because he refused to cut
Negroes' hair.

Howard Conley, who owns one of the five downtown barbershops in this community of 5,000 residents, was named in a complaint to the State Division of Civil Rights by the Burlington County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The complaint was based on two incidents, the first on June 17, when William H. Lawrie of nearby Yardville tried to get a haircut, and the second yesterday when Isaac Dubose Jr., vice president of the county's N.A.A.C.P., also called at Mr. Conley's shop.

Mr. Conley, a slight, well-spoken, bespectacled man who has cut hair here since 1933, acknowledged this afternoon that the two Negroes had come to his shop at 1 Crosswick Street to get haircuts.

"I told them," he said, "that I would cut their hair if I didn't care what happened to my business. But whether I refused is a matter of interpretation, I believe."

While cutting the hair of a white customer this afternoon, Mr. Conley voiced resentment over the fact that he had been chosen as the N.A.A.C.P. target.

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