

Lowry Report Absolves 'Green Bowlers' of All Charges; 18 Admirals Listed

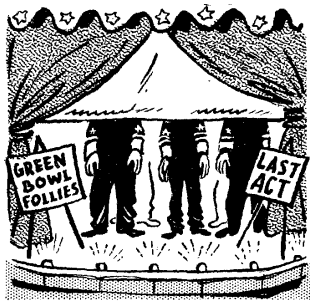
Rear Admiral Frank J. Lowry has absolved the "Green Bowlers" of all charges of being a "vicious" officers clique with its chief purpose the advancement of the professional careers of its members.

His report, based on written statements and personal interviews with more than 50 members of the 40-year-old secret Naval Academy society, was submitted to the Chief of Naval Operations October 1.

Early this week, it was endorsed by the Chief of Personnel and is now in the office of Secretary John L. Sullivan.

Admiral Lowry told Admiral Nimitz he had been unable to find a single example of a Navy or Marine Corps officer having received coveted assignments or unusually rapid advancement by virtue of his identification as a Green Bowler.

Further details of the Admiral's report, prepared in conjunction with the Office of Naval Intelligence, will be announced sometime next week.



Meanwhile, an exhaustive examination of what is alleged to be a complete list of Green Bowler members obtained by ARMED FORCE has failed to produce evidence to support the perennial charge that Green Bowlers dominate the Navy's plush jobs.

As in December, 1945, when the list was first examined, the percentage of Green Bowlers holding top echelon jobs still is not excessively high when compared with the far greater number of non-members holding positions of importance.

This situation exists, despite the fact that the 6 to 16 Midshipmen tapped annually for Green Bowler membership between 1909 and 1940 almost always were honor men of the class, outstanding athletes or outstanding personalities.

The list discloses that:

1. A total of 355 Naval Academy Midshipmen were tapped for Green Bowler membership between 1909, when the society was founded, and 1940, when Naval Academy Superintendent James Holloway says the practice was discontinued.

2. A total of 35 Green Bowlers have attained flag rank. Eighteen of the 279 flag officers on active duty October 1 were members. They are:

Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, Commandant, 3rd Naval District, Class of 1909.

Rear Admiral Morton L. Deyo, Commandant, First Naval District, Class of 1911.

Rear Admiral Aaron S. Merrill, former Commandant, 8th Naval District, to be retired December 1 as a Vice Admiral, Class of 1912.

Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Class of 1912.

Vice Admiral John L. Hall, Jr., Commandant, 14th Naval District, Class of 1913.

Rear Admiral Leo H. Thebaud, Naval Inspector General, Class of 1913.

Rear Admiral William K. Harrill, Commander, Fleet Air West Coast, Class of 1914.

Rear Admiral Robert W. Hayler, Senior Member, Board of Decoration and Medals, Class of 1914.

Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, Commander, Battleships and Cruisers, Atlantic Fleet, Class of 1915.

Vice Admiral William M. Fechteler, Deputy CNO for Personnel, Class of 1916.

Rear Admiral Osborne B. Hardison, Commander, Carrier Division Five, Class of 1916.

Rear Admiral William K. Phillips, Commander, Destroyers, Atlantic Fleet, Class of 1918.

Rear Admiral Charles W. Styer, Assistant CNO for Undersea Warfare, Class of 1918.

Rear Admiral Leslie C. Stevens, U. S. Naval Attache to Moscow, Class of 1919.

Rear Admiral Paul F. Lee, Chief, Office of Naval Research, Class of 1919.

Rear Admiral Ernest Von Heimburg, Commander, Amphibious Group II, Class of 1919.

Rear Admiral Emmet P. Forrestel, Commandant, Norfolk Naval Base, Class of 1920.

Rear Admiral Edward C. Ewen, Chief, Naval Air Reserve Training, Class of 1921.

Among the other Green Bowlers who attained flag rank but no longer are on active duty, were Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Commodore George F. Reinicke, Rear Admiral Francis E. Whiting, Rear Admiral Lloyd J. Wiltse, Rear Admiral Andrew C. McFall, Rear Admiral George B. Wilson, Commodore Samuel P. Jenkins, Rear Admiral John W. McClaren, Rear Admiral John H. Brown, Jr., and Rear Admiral John Perry.

With the exception of more than 50 members listed as deceased by the Naval Academy Register of Graduates, an entire list of the Green Bowler membership follows. (Many were killed in combat.) The names of many Academy men who have long since retired or resigned their commissions are included.

1909

James E. Barry
John Borland
Ernest R. Gunther
Monroe Kelly

1910

Herbert A. Ellis
Louis E. Fagan
Murphy J. Foster
William D. Kilduff
Alfred F. Langhorne
George F. Reinicke
Harris M. Whiting
Hugh Whitaker
Percy Wilner

1911

Charles B. Carroll
Calvin H. Cobb
Morton L. Deyo
John W. Gates
Webb C. Hayes
John W. McClaren
James L. Rogers

1912

Richard E. Byrd
George W. Dashiell
Robert E. Elmer
Henry C. McIlvaine
Aaron S. Merrill
DeWitt C. Ramsey
Roger W. Spencer
Abraham G. Teneyck
Francis E. M. Whiting
Homer C. Wick
Chirley A. Wilson

1913

Henry L. Abbott
Charles L. Austin
Paul Casard
Herbert S. Clarkson
Charles L. Foutz
John L. Hall
William G. B. Hatch
Carl T. Hull
George B. Junkin
David R. Lee
Leo H. Thebaud
George M. Tisdale
Harold C. Van Valkzah

1914

James E. Boak
John H. Brown Jr.
John H. Buchanan
William A. Corn
Thomas J. Doyle Jr.
Wallis Gearing
William K. Harrill
Robert W. Hayler
Peter P. Rodes
Thomas C. Shinguff
Theodore W. Sterling
Thomas N. Vinson
George B. Wilson
Lloyd J. Wiltse

1915

Marshall E. Arnold
Horace D. Clarke
Henry F. Grimm
Alexander G. Hatch
Archibald P. Howard
Samuel P. Jenkins
Lynde D. McCormick
Harvey E. Overesch
Tully Shelly
William D. Thomas

1916

James E. Betts
Carlyle Craig
Arthur T. Emerson
William M. Fechteler
Osborne B. Hardison
Jesse I. Kenworthy
Cyrus H. Lyle
Andrew C. McFall
George D. Price
William W. Schott

1917

James P. Conover Jr.
Robert B. Dashiell
Willett Elmore
Frank J. Hanafey
Thomas W. Harrison
William S. Heath
Herbert W. Jackson
Charles M. Jones
Feyton H. Park
Norborne L. Rawlings
William M. Reifel
Douglas A. Spencer
Clarence O. Ward

1918

Arthur B. Craig
Robert M. Eaches
Allen P. Flegg
Samuel H. Hurt
Charles D. Lefler Jr.
William J. Mann
John S. Moreynolds
William K. Phillips
Charles W. Styer

1919

Charles L. Andrews
Russell S. Barrett
Ernest M. Grimley
John B. Griggs Jr.
George Kirkland
Paul F. Lee
Carlton McGauley
Robert F. Nelson
Leslie C. Stevens
Ernest Von Heimburg
Cyril K. Wildman
James L. Wisenbaker

1920

Ralph D. Baker
Victor F. Blakeslee
Robert Bolton Jr.
George H. Burnham
George H. Dana
John A. Dillon
Emmet P. Forrestel
William Hibbs
John B. Mallard
Robert B. McClure
John Perry
Merrill F. Sprout
John E. Whelchel
Lyman S. Perry

1921

David H. Byerley
Howard V. Clark
Edward C. Ewen
Kinloch N. Gardner
Edwin D. Graves Jr.
Charles F. Greber
John P. Heath
Howard H. Hubbel
Morton Hutchinson
Carl Koops
Burns MacDonald Jr.
Edward J. Milner
Edward P. Moore
Joseph W. Res
Edward E. Roth
Geoffrey E. Sage

1921—con.

Lloyd L. Tower
Harold Watters

1922

Harold D. Baker
Reuben F. Frost
Charles Humphreys
Howard Jennings
Ben G. Koehler
Frank R. Walker

1923

William P. Burford
Vincent P. Conroy
Thomas Hederman
Frank M. Hughes
John B. Moss
William O'Regan
Edward Rombert
Paul C. Treadwell
Charles S. Walsh
George A. Washburn
Howard J. Waters

1924

Stephen G. Barchet
William D. Brown
Carl E. Cullen
James R. Dancy
Dale Harris
James S. Laidlaw
Hugh R. Lamberth
Ira C. McKee
Wallis F. Petersen

1925

Fred C. Billings
Joseph M. Carson
John A. Carlson Jr.
John B. Cleland Jr.
John S. Day
John H. Griffin
Clifton G. Grimes
William Kirten Jr.
William J. Marshall
Anthony Rorschach
Edmund B. Taylor
Frank S. Timberlake
Edmund Tweedy
Lee T. Weston

1926

Donald Albertson
Neill K. Banks
Albert Bernet Jr.
Jacob E. Cooper
Kenneth Craig
Royce N. Flippin
Edmund Ragsdale
Augustus Long
Edmund Ragsdale
William G. Cooper

1927

Arthur S. Born
Henry H. Caldwell
Edward Condra Jr.
Robert E. Dixon
Maurice E. Goudge
Thomas H. Hamilton
Herbert Horner
William McEnty
Eliot Olsen

1927—con.

Jacob C. Schwab
Allen Smith
Emmet J. Sullivan
Frank H. Wickhorst

1928

Michael Bagdiano'tch
Edward A. Lannegan
James R. Lee
Edward J. Martin
David L. McDonald
George H. Moffett
Harry E. Sears
Donald K. Smith
Robert W. Wood

1929

George W. Ashford
John H. Keatley
Almon E. Loomis
Elliot Parish Jr.
Claude Ricketts
Francis S. Smith
Thomas R. Wilson

1930

Wredford Chapples
William Gentner
Andrew Jackson Jr.
Mell A. Peterson
Russell Lloyd
Walter Phillips

1931

R. M. Bowstrom
C. F. Braught
J. W. Byng
E. J. Fowlin
J. W. Gannon
A. D. Gray
O. F. Hagberg

1932

L. A. Bryan
D. G. Burdick
T. E. Chambers
E. R. Hodgkins
G. S. James Jr.
A. S. Major Jr.
V. E. McCrea
E. L. Phares
M. H. Tuttle
A. G. Ward

1933

R. W. Thompson Jr.
J. R. Reedy
G. T. Ferguson
S. S. Searcy Jr.
F. G. Selby
W. R. Kane
D. McCampbell
L. H. Erick
W. L. Dawson

1934

J. J. Waybright
G. E. Mumma
McNaughton
J. B. F. F.
R. P. Harbold Jr.

1934—con.

G. F. Pittard
D. C. Miller
J. M. Wilson

1935

E. A. Michel Jr.
H. H. Larsen
R. E. Dornin
C. B. Langston
W. C. Clark
J. E. Dougherty

1936

C. M. Fellows
A. F. Fleming
W. G. Holman
T. S. King Jr.

1937

W. F. Bringle
E. W. Hessel
J. W. Matheson Jr.
J. W. Merryman
G. P. Norman
N. E. Thomas

1938

F. C. Lynch Jr.
A. Coward
C. R. Cathoun
A. R. McFarland
S. S. Mann Jr.
R. H. Bowers
W. T. Ingram 2d.
E. M. Luby
G. R. Muse

1939

L. C. Powell Jr.
W. J. Ruhe
R. C. Gillette
L. R. Geis
K. B. Hyson
J. J. Munson
G. D. Ghesquiere
H. A. Thompson
L. D. Cooke

1940

R. B. Wooding
T. P. McGrath
I. E. Burke, Jr.
William B. Robb