



**HOLDS HIGHEST MEDAL**—Frank C. High, 74, Melrose route, box 3388, Roseburg, is shown wearing the nation's highest military honor, the congressional Medal of Honor, which he won May 16, 1899 near San Isidro, Philippine Islands. (Picture by Photo Lab).

A little more than 50 years ago near a place called San Isidro in the Philippine Islands, Frank C. High, private, company G, second Oregon Infantry Volunteers, displayed "gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty." For this he received the highest military award this country can give—the congressional Medal of Honor.

The official Department of Army citation reads, "With 21 other scouts, (he) charged across a burning bridge, under heavy fire, and completely routed 600 of the enemy who were entrenched in a strongly fortified position."

Though he escaped with no injuries, in this battle, he did find a couple of holes in his shirt when he had "time to do some inspecting."

This was during the Philippine insurrection, which lasted from 1899 to 1913.

Today, Frank High, resident of Roseburg, recounts this battle and claims there were "others a lot tougher." Modestly, he explains that the two bullet scars on his face were picked up at a later date, when things really got "rough."

High's little five-pointed medal, bedecked with light blue ribbon and 13 white stars, is one of 70 awarded during the 14-year conflict, called by the Army, the "Philippine Insurrection." Officially, the war with Spain was ended in December, 1898.

There have been 2,116 such medals awarded in the history of the United States, 1200 of these

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rape and murder are the extreme and most violent forms of sex offenses against children.

They've made headlines lately. But sexual offenses against children also take other forms, less violent. There are more of them.

What causes a man to commit any kind of sex offense against a child? I asked a couple of Washington psychiatrists.

They said there are a number of causes. Here are some:

1. Feeble-mindedness. A man of 40 may have the mind of a child.
  2. Senility. An old man's brain may have deteriorated so that he's in his second childhood.
  3. Disease of the brain. Syphilis, for example. Disease destroyed that part of the brain which previously kept a man from such an offense.
  4. Bad early family and social training. It may have left a man socially immature so that he never fitted into grown-up society.
  5. Or, for one reason or another, he has become a sadist who can find emotional comfort only in inflicting suffering or death upon a child.
- Can such a man be cured by medical or psychiatric treatment? Some can, some can't. Almost nothing can be done for the feeble-minded (No. 1) or the old and senile (No. 2).
- If the man with brain syphilis (No. 3) isn't too far gone, the disease can be stopped and in time he may resume a normal life.
- Some of those in No. 4 and 5 may be cured by psychiatry, some not.
- These doctors think the definitely incurable ones should be

put away for life in a hospital or, if they've committed a crime, in jail. Why? Because, if let loose, they're a menace.

**Custody Recommended**

And they think the curable ones should be kept in custody for treatment until the doctors feel it's safe to let them loose again.

All sex offenders against children, these doctors think, should be given medical care as soon as first detected to get them out of circulation until they can be cured or, if incurable, permanently isolated.

Does a person progress (or retrogress) from one stage of sexual offense against a child to another until finally he rapes or kills? Some do, some don't. An exhibitionist, for example, may never go beyond that stage although he needs medical treatment and should be isolated until cured, if that's possible.

Some may start with exhibitionism and go on to rape and murder. Others may start with rape and murder.

**15 States Acted**

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have recently acted—more or less—to crack down on sexual abnormalities. But what they've done or plan to do varies widely: from hospital treatment to stiffer jail sentences.

There seems to be no agreement among the 48 states on how to handle sexual offenders

MEDFORD, Dec. 15—(AP)—Jackson county is going to buy itself an air ambulance.

The residents yesterday passed their goal of \$3,000 in contributions, to buy a two-engine Cessna plane for use in "mercy flights."

The plane will furnish ambulance service on a doctor's certificate. The cost will be about \$12 an hour. Volunteers will do the piloting and the mechanical work.

The air ambulance is the brain-child of George Milligan, CAA control tower operator, and chairman of the non-profit Mercy Flights, Inc.

Most of the donations toward buying the plane were small; many of them were given by school pupils.

Rep. Chet, Kentucky Democrat, wants a sexual offense against a child made a federal crime, with psychiatric treatment for those not sentenced to death.

Fearing publicity, some parents don't report to police a sexual offense against their child. This leaves the offender free to approach, attack or maybe kill some other child.

The psychiatrists and J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, think sex offenses against children would be cut down if police were called in on every case. This would help, no doubt.

But at this point in America's social development there are many instances where sex offenders against children are arrested and then released with hardly more than a brief detention, if any.

By ARTHUR EVERETT  
NEW YORK—(AP)—Ever wonder if Santa Claus gets a lump in his throat at some little child's hopeless prayer? So does Postmaster Albert Goldman.

The lumps come fast for him these days. He's eavesdropping on Santa.

Goldman has nearly 5,000 letters addressed to Santa. They find their way each year to his big general postoffice in New York City.

Inside each letter is a hope or a prayer. When there's nobody else to tell it to, kids all over the world tell it to Santa. Not just kids, either.

There's a laugh in some of them

for Goldman.

Seven-year-old Harry from the Bronx wants a shrunken mummy's head for Christmas. Think it might help him when he becomes a magician. He promises "I won't bring it to school."

And Nancy over in Brooklyn loves horses. She asked for a female gelding—"all black." But only male horses are gelded.

Charlie wrote out his own Christmas list, then added: "Grampy wants a bottle of whiskey."

Laughs? sure, but tears, too. The kids from Germany, France and England who write to Santa at New York, ask for chocolate or food. In their world, for a long time, toys have had a low priority.

Louis, a Manhattan seven-year-old, knows Santa "can do anything." So he wrote: "Please bring me my mother. She went out and left three of us with my father. He is going to put us in a home and my baby brother is sick. I like toys but I like my mother best \* \* \*"

Then there's Barbara, whose childish scrawl read: "My daddy is in the Army and he is AWOL for three months. My mother's allotment check will stop and we will not have any Christmas \* \* \* We can use a blanket, as we don't have enough \* \* \* Last year you forgot us"

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