

## GETS LITTLE SIS HE WANTED



LITTLE GERARD, aged 7, silently and devotedly kisses the hand of Geraldine, a confident siren of eight months who seems to realize that she can wind him around her finger. She can, for Gerard fell in love with her picture and badgered his Mom into adopting Geraldine through a New York City foster home for children. (International)

## STIMSON URGES MERGER OF ARMY - NAVY WHEN PRESENT WAR FINISHES

Washington.—Despite the best cooperation in their history, disagreements and duplications among the Nation's armed forces have cut power and speed in the present war, Secretary Stimson told Congress the other day in urging immediate approval of the principle of unified command.

Actual unification should await the end of the war, the secretary of war said, but establishment of the principle would in itself promote cohesion among the forces.

An effort to make the physical change of set-up while the shooting is still going on, he added, would be like trying to change the engine of an airplane while it is in flight.

Backed by Lt.-Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Stimson testified before the special House Committee on post war military policy, members of which have indicated overwhelming sentiment for a single command.

The blueprint for the single department of the armed forces recommended by Stimson was outlined by Gen. McNarney.

The overall organization would be

headed by a secretary for the armed forces, aided by under-secretaries for the Army, the Navy and the Air Forces, and the head of a common supply service. Military strategy and budgetary recommendations would be in the hands of a joint board headed by a chief of staff and including chiefs for the Army, Navy and Air Forces, with a subordinate officer in charge of common supply service.

Experiences of the present war, Stimson told the committee, have left the "inescapable" conclusion that simplification is necessary "if our nation is adequately and most effectively to carry on its wars under modern conditions."

"There has never been a time in the history of our country when better cooperation, or even as good cooperation, between these branches (of the armed forces) has existed as there has been during this war," he said.

But in spite of earnest efforts at cooperation, he continued, there have been many duplications of time, material and manpower "with the loss of effectiveness, resources and power."

## ZANUCK'S NEW TRIUMPH IS HAILED HIS GREATEST

Hit-maker, star-maker, Darryl F. Zanuck has done it again!

The unprecedented advance acclaim being accorded his production of "The Purple Heart" which will show at the Grand Theatre on Sunday and Monday, heralds the fact that the producer who has given the American movie-going public its most memorable screen thrills, has once again achieved a screen masterpiece—and one being hailed by reviewers as his greatest triumph.

With such unforgettable productions as "How Green Was My Valley" and "This Above All," among others to his credit—as well as the bidding of such potent screen personalities as Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, George Montgomery, Richard Greene, John Payne and John Howard — Mr. Zanuck's production of "The Purple Heart," featuring Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, Farley Granger, Kevin O'Shea, Donald

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## UNION PRESS-COURIER

This is an official U. S. Treasury advertisement—prepared under auspices of Treasury Department and War Advertising Council

Barry, Trudy Marshall and Sam Levene naturally takes its place as one of the year's most important pictures.

The 20th Century-Fox film is the stirring drama of Yanks bombing Tokyo, falling into the brutal hands of the Japs, and being put on trial not as prisoners of war, but for murder. It's the story of eight dauntless U. S. flyers who tie the who Jap empire into knots: Of Capt. Ross of Texas, who pitted his guts against Jap brutality; of Sgt. Clinton who planted the U. S. Flag of courage in a Jap courtroom; of Lt. Greenbaum of New York who convicted the Japs of murder and terror; of Lt. Canelli who enlightened the Jap Bureau of Enlightenment—with flying fists; and of all the gallant others who defied the Jap Army, Navy and Air Force—and won!

Matinee at 2:30 Sunday.

It's a MUST SEE on your list!

## RAILROAD OFFERS CITY FORTY ACRES FOR A PARK

Forty acres of land have been offered to the City of Altoona for park and recreational purposes by the Pennsylvania Railroad, the State Department of Commerce has been informed.

The plot for years was the home of the Altoona Cricket Club in which railroad officials and citizens of the community were interested. In addition the field presented facilities for tennis players and an extensive golf course was operated for years. A commodious central clubhouse on the grounds was torn down some years ago when the project was abandoned.

Acquisition of this plot will entail no cost to the city, members of the Altoona council were informed. The original purchase price of the plot

years ago was \$24,000.

The railroad company's proposal to turn the plot over to the city was coupled with the suggestion that it be turned into a memorial park in honor of the community's sons and daughters who are now in the armed forces.

In giving tentative consideration to proposed plans of the future of the plot, members of council have expressed the desire to make it a recreational center for the public.

## RE-SURVEY OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES TO BE MADE

A re-survey of the hospital facilities of Pennsylvania available for emergencies such as an influx of the wounded from Europe, epidemics or disasters will be made by Major Roger A. Greene, Hospitalization officer of the State Council of Defense, within a few weeks.

The protective council, a subordinate body of the state council, set up a system of base and secondary hospitals last year in anticipation of calls of an emergency character in war time.

Sixty base hospitals were selected. There are over a hundred listed in the secondary group of hospitals which could be called upon in emergency.

One of the reasons why the new survey has been ordered is to ascertain the number of patients that could be hospitalized in the base hospitals which may differ from what was established last year because of the personnel situation affecting every hospital.

—The boys weren't home for Easter this year. Bring them back for Easter 1945 by buying war bonds and stamps every pay day.

## Camp Booklet.

Organized camps for boys, girls and adults that will be operating in Pennsylvania this year are listed in a booklet now ready for distribution to inquirers, the State Department of Commerce says. Nearly 200 such camps will be operating this season.

a survey of the Department revealed, despite the difficulties of travel in wartime and the problems of obtaining sufficient personnel to operate.

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## "GROUND CREW"

