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LA PRENSA

Russia Ready to Plan For Summer Nerves Offensive

By JOSEPH ALCOPE

THE SHAPE of things to come... at least for the time being... is not so much as it once was.

FRANCE RELENTANCE
For the future, it is clear that the organizers of the defense of the Big Four is still in the process of being worked out.

The second fact is more complex. One can say whether the Kremlin is even now planning to send its armies this summer in the way that armies are normally sent.

This war of nerves offensive thus far takes the crude form of having Soviet and satellite diplomats and officials whisper "intentional" warnings into appropriate ears.

Thus at Paris Andrei Gromyko has repeatedly mentioned the withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany.

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TOTALITARIANISM IN OUR HEMISPHERE

AT LAST the pretense has been stripped away and the Peron regime's campaign to suppress the famed independent Buenos Aires newspaper, La Prensa, has revealed its true nature.

The country finds itself confronted with one more episode of an international capitalist mobilization operated underground.

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There are reports that Peron and his wife, Evita, are displeased with the worldwide outcry against the seizure of La Prensa. They did not realize the high value placed on a free press in all areas of the world where free men live.

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BATTLE OF THE BUDGET: ROUND 1

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MILITARY AID FOR LATIN AMERICA

IT WAS MORE than coincidence that word of an \$80 million program of military aid for Latin America was allowed to leak out just before the foreign ministers of the 21 American republics met in Washington yesterday.

Underlying the program is a set of hard facts. Latin America is an integral part of Western Hemisphere. It is the producer of many new materials essential to our own defense program.

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Report On A New Project

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By DICK YOUNG JR.
City Editor (First of Three Articles)

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Champion Of Little Fellow

IT ISN'T always that a crime-buster is also a trust-buster.

But Keefe's record in fighting for little business, standing up for the little fellow is about 100 per cent perfect.

On the whole, however, the trust buster has high compliments for the program, some of them even going so far as to say that "if your work is a success, we'll support liquor control to the hilt."

In another article tomorrow, the details of the public-education program will be discussed.

I HAD A DREAM, DEAR

There is such a monotony of five and ten per cent on the conscious mind these days that we have been grateful in the extreme recently for a series of 100 per cent dreams.

Few of them, we must confess, have been newsworthy by current standards, current standards being what they are, if you get what we mean.

But last night came a dream which struck us as worthy of recounting in major portion for no other reason than it was so absurd as to meet the requirements of newsworthiness by the best standards set up in newspaper, radio, and television (be pardon, it must have been something we ate) circles.

Well, anyway, Congress was in joint session. A few members who could not get away from the joints in time to hear the gavel were not there; but it was a joint session, all woodpecker and a yard wide, as the saying goes.

There were Democrats and Republicans with sufficient overlapping; there were Democrats, and Dixiecrats, and Plutocrats, and Automats; there was a Laborite and some Fascists; and I had the joints in the back of time; there was a Communist, and a

Inside Senator Keefe

SINCE Estes Keefe has been exposing other people, here is a little exposing of Estes Keefe. His office walls are cluttered with scribbled drawings of his

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