BRITAIN, U.S. ISOLATE EIRE

The boundary between Eire and Northern Ireland is closely guarded. Ulster police, cooperate with British Multiand American police in examining and if necessary searching everybody whose business takes him over the frontier. Every identity card must be produced. This is the result of the decision taken by the President and Mr. Churchill to isolate. Eire as far as possible, and thus prevent vital war information leaking at into Southern Ireland, for in Dublin there are still German and Japanese diplomatic representatives. The Dail is fully behind Mr. De Valera in his refusal to is the the Axis, an attribute of we -

Agricultural Ireland, like the cities, is as determined as Mr. De Valera to remain neutral. The farmers have been told that they must plough up still more land in case the Allies cut down Southern Ireland's food imports. Incughout the country Mr. De Valera's opper meete with esthusicstic response.

Ireland is in the ironic position that the South is at peace and the six Northern counties in the war. Ulster's famous shipyards are busy as never before and the whole industrial power of the six Ngrthern counties is whole concentral the war, effort. that is going on in Ulster of the war convoys passing the North Irish Coast, has, been easily obtained by enemy Agents and transmitted to Germany through the Nazi 'Embassy in Dublin. No sooner have American troops arrived to reinforce the U.S. garrison in Northern Ireland than the fact is known in Berlin. Dangerous as such informationleakage is at all times, it might be fatal in the early days of the Second Front. / Enemy intelligence might even deduce the dates and places of the forthcoming assault on Europe. firm noting the types of equipment now reaching the Northem

Ireland, No one disputes that Eire is perfectly within her

legal rights in remaining neutral; no one disputes that Britain and America are fully justified in taking steps to prevent the Nazis getting information mhan which might cost the allies thousands of lives and jeopardise the success of the Second Front.

(GV lorries) So as the war material accumulates in Northern Ireland, Ulster and the military keep extra watch on the border. Railways as well as roads come under the new regulations.

Women help in the scrutiny, in case women passengers have to be searched. It's unfortunate that so many people immundimum must cross the border on legitimate business, for a clever agent might still get through; but the leak has been pretty well blocked. Ulster, Britain and America are non going 7 keeping the military secrets from going over the border.

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