

The Empire Wants a New Black Death

Spokesmen for the British Empire have been explicit in their desire for a New Black Death to reduce population:

- Thomas Malthus, in his “Essay on the Principle of Population,” in 1791:

“...we should facilitate, instead of foolishly and vainly endeavoring to impede, the operations of nature in producing this mortality; and if we dread the too frequent visitation of the horrid form of famine, we should sedulously encourage the other

forms of destruction, which we compel nature to use.... In our towns we should make the streets narrower, crowd more people into the houses, and court the return of the plague.”

- Lord Bertrand Russell, in his book *The Impact of Science on Society*, published in 1953, on population reduction: “War ... has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could be spread throughout the world once in every generation survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full.”

- Prince Philip, consort to Queen Elizabeth II, in 1988: “In the event that I am reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, to contribute something to solving overpopulation.”