



In the Spirit of the Irish, Abolish Hunger from Palestine to Port Au Prince

March 14, 2024—It is now known that as many as 1.5 million people died of starvation and disease in Ireland between 1845-51, exactly the number of Palestinians being threatened with death by starvation right now in Gaza. In Ireland, the famine was caused, not by a “potato blight,” which is a cover story, but by theft of food from starving people!

A 1997 article entitled “The Irish Famine: Complicity in Murder” reported:

According to economist Cormac O’ Grada, more than 26 million bushels of grain were exported from Ireland to England in 1845, a “famine” year. Even greater exports are documented in the Spring 1997 issue of *History Ireland* by Christine Kinealy of the University of Liverpool. Her research shows that nearly 4,000 vessels carrying food left Ireland for ports in England during “Black ’47” while 400,000 Irish men, women and children died of starvation.

Shipping records indicate that 9,992 Irish calves were exported to England during 1847, a 33 percent increase from the previous year. At the same time, more than 4,000 horses and ponies were exported. In fact, the export of all livestock from Ireland to England increased during the famine except for pigs. ...Other exports from Ireland during the “famine” included peas, beans, onions, rabbits, salmon, oysters, herring, lard, honey and even potatoes.

The so-called “Irish Potato Famine” was caused by the willful intent of the British Empire to kill millions of Irish through starvation.

Today, the same thing is occurring in Gaza, Sudan, Nigeria, and now Haiti. This is not because the people who live in these places are too backwards to feed themselves, as racist anthropologists would have you believe, but each case is mass murder by design and intent of a dying Anglo-Dutch Empire.

The case of Gaza demonstrates most clearly the murderous intent. Israeli wanna-be-dictator Bibi Netanyahu seized upon the horrific terror attack of October 7,

as the rationale for the ethnic cleansing of the entire population of Gaza, a crime known as “collective punishment,” and a violation of the 1948 Convention on Genocide. This will not make Israel safer or more secure, nor will it bring back the lives of those killed on October 7, but merely inflames the region and puts the world at risk of wider war, while endangering the lives of the hostages, whom Netanyahu clearly considers expendable.

After giving 1.9 million people in northern Gaza 24 hours to evacuate, Israel leveled the area, leaving virtually no building, school, mosque, church nor even hospital undamaged. As people fled to the south, they were bombed enroute, and while this occurred, food, water, and energy were cut off. All of this has been carefully documented in the case presented by South Africa at the International Court of Justice.

Now, over 30,000 Palestinian people are dead, including over 13,000 children. Thousands more are yet unidentified, buried under the rubble, and 70,000 others are injured with no resources to receive care. Over 90% of the 2.3 million residents of Gaza are now homeless and starving, while hundreds of trucks carrying desperately needed food and medical supplies are barred from entering by the Israeli Defense Forces, and the airstrikes continue. The United States vetoed a UN Security Council Resolution calling for a ceasefire for the third time, and then blocked the condemnation of the massacre of starving northern Gaza residents who were trying to get flour from two trucks that were finally allowed in. Over 100 Palestinians were killed and 800 were wounded in what is now known as the “Flour Massacre.”

In 1845-51, the Irish experience with the British Empire was similar, including the refusal to distribute food which was readily available.

As we celebrate St Patrick’s Day by eating our favorite Irish fare, let us remember and act on behalf of the millions who have none. Every death of hunger is a death that could have been easily prevented.

The United States once had a revolution against the murderous British Empire, and we were right! Never forget that! Let’s turn our swords into plowshares and end hunger everywhere in the world in the spirit of Henry Knox and the fighting Irish!