

# 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.”