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### **Biden Blames The Brits!!**

Joe Biden, that superannuated buffoon of Irish lineage, whose election as President of the United States loudly declares the moral waning of that land, has opened his stupid mouth again to give proof of his bigoted ignorance!

Some of his comments, made at his first press conference since his inauguration back in January (it does take him awhile to get ready to speak), have been reported in the press under the headline: "US President Joe Biden has blamed 'the Brits' for leaving his great grandfather with no other option but to leave Ireland."

Just who he means by 'Brits' it would be hard to say. Did he mean the British government or was he referring to the Protestant people of Ireland for that is the term long used of them by Sinn Fein/IRA and their fellows? But if he was referring to that which was the cause of his great grandfather's emigration to the USA, then really he is speaking of the 'potato blight'!

The repeated failure of the potato crop brought famine to Ireland and many, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, left for America because of that.

However, the mentality of the Roman Catholic Irish being what it is, it must blame everything on the 'Brits'.

It is conveniently forgotten that it was papal chicanery and political manoeuvring which brought a Roman Catholic English king to Ireland in the first place back in the 12th century.

It more or less began when in May 1169, when Anglo-Norman mercenaries landed in Ireland at the request of Diarmait mac Murchada (Dermot MacMurragh - an Irish Roman Catholic), the deposed King of Leinster, who sought the help of these 'Brits' in regaining his kingship. They achieved this within weeks and raided neighbouring kingdoms. This military intervention was sanctioned by King Henry II of England. In return, Diarmait had sworn loyalty to 'British' Henry and promised land to the Normans.

The English invasion and conquest of Ireland was substantially finalised when In October 1171, King Henry himself landed with a large army to assert control over both the Anglo-Normans and the Irish. This intervention was initiated by Pope Adrian IV, the only English pope, who saw it as a means of ensuring Irish religious reform for there remained yet in Ireland, to a great measure, the old Biblical teachings of Patrick. Pope Adrian IV had issued a 'papal bull' in 1155. The bull purports to grant the right to King Henry II of England to invade and govern Ireland. It was in 1171 that Henry acted upon the papal bull and claimed Ireland for the pope. Many Irish kings readily submitted to him.

Thus began Ireland's political link with the 'Brits'!

### **The Famine**

Encyclopaedia Britannica records the following facts regarding the potato famine.

"A heavy reliance on just one or two high-yielding types of potato greatly reduced the genetic variety that ordinarily prevents the decimation of an entire crop by disease, and thus the Irish became vulnerable to famine. In 1845 a strain of *Phytophthora* arrived accidentally from North America, and that same year Ireland had unusually cool moist weather, in which the blight thrived. Much of that year's potato crop rotted in the fields. That partial crop failure was followed by more-devastating failures in 1846-49, as each year's potato crop was almost completely ruined by the blight."

The British Government, in keeping with the practices of the day, did seek to help though not to the degree they should. However, many English and Irish private Christian groups and bodies sought to alleviate the distress in a day when such aid was not anywhere near as organised as it is today.

Despite those shortcomings, by August 1847 as many as three million people were receiving rations at soup kitchens. All in all, the British government spent about £8 million (about ££835,000,000 today - Google in-



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flation calculator) on relief, and many private relief funds and activities were launched as well.

It is part of the Roman Catholic Irish Republican psyche, of which Joe Biden has partaken to a large measure, to blame the 'Brits' for the famine, to the exclusion of any other circumstance or mitigating factor.

We Ulster Protestants are only too aware of that fact, for we hear the 'voice' of that psyche daily being broadcast, published, and simplistically repeated in District Councils and the Stormont Assembly virtually every day!

### **Texas Border Crisis**

I wonder can Biden hear the Mexican voices that repeat the same twisted logic: "It's the 'Gringos' who are driving us out of Mexico and hinder us getting to all the benefits and freedoms of Texas!"

I doubt it very much for old age also brings hearing loss!

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