Everyone Expects the Spanish Inquisition: The Making of Spain’s Black Legend

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PLAN OF LOWER DECK WITH THE STOWAGE OF 292 SLAVES

130 OF THESE BEING STOWED UNDER THE SHELVES AS SHEWN IN FIGURES 6 & 7.

PLAN SHEWING THE STOWAGE OF 130 ADDITIONAL SLAVES ROUND THE WINGS OR SIDES OF THE LOWER DECK BY MEANS OF PLATFORMS OR SHELVES (IN THE MANNER OF GALLERIES IN A CHURCH) THE SLAVES STOWED ON THE SHELVES AND BELOW THEM HAVE ONLY A HEIGHT OF 2 FEET 7 INCHES BETWEEN THE BEAMS AND FAR LESS UNDER THE BEAMS. See Fig. 7.
The Zong scandal (1781)
MEAT MEANS MURDER

KILL HER NOW
KILL HER A WEEK AGO

IT'S MURDER
IT'S ABORTION

So every child makes their mark
The RAPE of BELGIUM


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Of old Fort William
On the night of the 20th of June, 1756.
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King Ferdinand of Aragon (1452-1516) and Queen Isabella of Castile (1451-1504), the ‘Catholic Monarchs’ of Spain (married 1469)
Conversos and Spanish crypto-Judaism

- 1391: antisemitic rioting leads to a wave of forced conversions of Jews to Christianity
- Over 200,000 *conversos* or ‘new Christians’
- 1467: two Jews in Llerena burned for the heresy of ‘Judaising’
- 1475: rumour of ritual murder by Jews (the ‘blood libel’)
- 1478: Pope Sixtus IV’s bull *Exigit Sincerae Devotionis Affectus* establishes the Spanish Inquisition
The Inquisition’s early years

- 1480: first inquisitors appointed
- 1481: first trials (six *conversos* burned in Seville, February)
- 1482: seven new inquisitors appointed
- 1485: an inquisitor murdered in Saragossa: massive reprisals
- 1488: *Suprema* created under the first Inquisitor General, Tomás de Torquemada OP
The Inquisition’s impact and methods

- Up to 2000 executions 1480-1530
- Most trials did not end in an execution
- The ‘edict of grace’
- Legal principles: presumption of guilt, no right to challenge evidence, secrecy, forfeiture of goods
- The problem of over-detection: was Spain awash with heretics?
1492: conquest of Granada
1492: the expulsion of the Spanish Jews
Bartolomé Carranza (1503-76), archbishop of Toledo and primate of Spain: imprisoned by the Inquisition 1558-76
The later Inquisition

- Limited use of torture
- Approximately 1000 executions 1530-1826, mostly before 1750
- Abolished 1834
Francisco Goya, *Auto de fe de la Inquisición* (1812x1819)
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Psal. 74.

Arise O Lord, and judge thine own cause.

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1568.
The solemn procession of the triumphant Church of Rome, and at the execution of poor Christians with their torture by the Inquisition of Spain.
The manner of basting and broiling their feste, with the description of the torment by water and the launde.
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