

## Example of Op Ed on Duranty Revocation

As the world learns about various genocides in the world and most recently the US rightfully acknowledged the Armenian massacre as truly a genocide, it seems incongruous that Ukraine's genocide, the Holodomor, Stalin's orchestrated famine of 1932-33 receives so little notice in the media. The Holodomor (murder by starvation) was a horror of massive proportions. Millions were murdered by forced starvation. To enforce their control, the Soviet government closed all the borders to Ukraine, so that Ukrainians could not leave in search of food anywhere outside of their borders. To mention the famine publicly would get you executed or sent to the Gulag. Ukrainians in the Soviet Union were terrorized.

While the destruction of the Ukrainian nation was raging, the New York Times Moscow correspondent, Walter Duranty was reporting that there was no horror or famine, only some lack of food and that you need to "break a few eggs" to achieve the paradise that Joseph Stalin was promising. For his dispatches in 1931 Walter Duranty was given in 1932 a Pulitzer Prize for outstanding journalism. This red stain on The New York Times and the Pulitzer Prize Board remains to this day. The Pulitzer Prize Board always claims that Duranty did not deliberately mislead. The "smoking gun", the Kliefoth Memorandum, destroys their illusion. Duranty told an official at the US Embassy in Berlin, that "his official dispatches always reflect the official opinion of the Soviet regimes" and that he wrote as the Soviet government wished under the agreement with The New York Times and the Soviet government.

As the Pulitzer Prize Board prepares to issue to new recipients the journalism prize on June 11, 2021, it would be most fitting to finally do the right thing and remove the prestigious prize from Walter Duranty!