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A selection of deaths due to Marasmus at other Irish Hospitals

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Temple St Children's Hospital, Dublin 1942

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Adelaide Hospital Dublin, 1935

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Rotunda Hospital, Dublin 1942

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Marasmus is not hunger. From the Registrar General Reports, it is a wasting disease.

STARVED TO DEATH

New research reveals the fate of children at care home

EXCLUSIVE
By Galen English

BABIES died of starvation in a Protestant home for unmarried mothers, the Irish Daily Mail has learned.

They were among 40 infants only recently found in a mass grave of children from the Bethany institution in Rathgar, south Dublin.

Disturbing research into the fate of the forgotten children living there reveals how they were forced to suffer appalling Third World conditions.

And yesterday one survivor told how those who ran the home showed 'little care or love for the children'. Some of

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Officials were told about appalling conditions for children but did nothing

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them found in the mass grave had died of heart attacks, while some others had starved to death.

A painstaking investigation of Church of Ireland and national archive records has uncovered the scale of the child deaths in the home, which is now closed.

In Mrs. Constance Collins' affidavit, Mrs. Meahar discovered the Mount Jerome grave with 40 babies from the home. Since then a trail of the cemetery's records revealed a further eight unmarked graves, and evidence suggests 28 children are buried elsewhere.

Last night, the Bethany Survivors Group demanded an official investigation into how the babies died.

The group has been excluded from the redress scheme for victims of institutional abuse because the Government claims Bethany Home was privately run. However, the victims say they have fresh evidence directly linking the state to the running of the home.

Survivor Derek Leinster, who has been orphaned by death, protests since he spent four years at Bethany, after being born there in 1941, said: 'It is so surprising to me that new graves are being discovered because the home was operated by people who showed little care or love for the children. We have documents from the Department of Justice showing they were

responsible for the home which means survivors should be compensated under the redress scheme.'

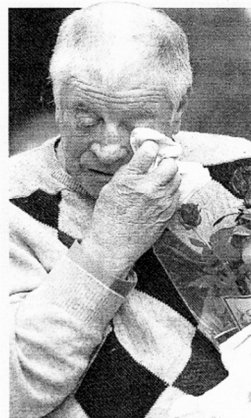
For 13 years, Bethany operated without inspection because it wasn't required to record deaths until the registration of Marriages (Amendment) Act in 1954.

And in 1954, 1955 and 1956, officers from the then Department of Local Government and Public Health raised concerns about conditions at the home in 1959, including a recommendation that one of the foster mothers used by the institution be removed, no action was taken.

The department's assistant chief medical adviser William Skirring Berry dismissed the report, bizarrely claiming 'it is well recognised that a large number of illegitimate children are detained from their birth'.

However, as the case shows, on the management for trying to convert Catholic mothers to Protestants.

Of the 219 children who died at the home between 1922 and 1948, records from Mount Jerome cemetery show that the largest number, 54, died from heart failure. Most were just six weeks old but some were as old as three and a half. The records show 41 died from marasmus or malnutrition - a condition that typically affects victims of famine, while 26 were still born. Inexplicably



Distraught Derek Leinster at the site of the graves

the cause of 18 deaths was put down to 'diarrhoea'. Mr Meahar said that since the original discovery, he has found evidence of another 179 graves.

Astonishingly, 88 children, more than a third of the 219 who died at Bethany, died over the five years from 1935 to 1940. The worst year was 1936 when 29 infants were buried at Mount Jerome.

Cruelly, Church of Ireland records that year record just 21 deaths, leading to concerns the home deliberately tried to cover up the scale of deaths. Bethany was run by evan-

gical Protestants for unmarried mothers, prostitution, alcoholism and women convicted of crimes ranging from petty theft to infanticide.

It operated at Blackhall Place in Dublin from 1921 to 1934 and at Orwell Road, Rathgar, until it closed in 1972.

Women found guilty in court were sent there for between six months to two years. However, there is evidence that some of them were used as carers for pregnant single mothers when they arrived.

Last night, Mr Meahar said the Church of Ireland and the Govern-

HOW I SURVIVED BETHANY

DEREK Leinster suffered extreme neglect during his childhood after he was born in Bethany and subsequently, when he lived with a foster family in Co. Wicklow.

The 65-year-old, who has four children, was born in the home in Rathgar, Dublin, in 1941. His mother, Hannah, from a staunch Protestant family in Co. Meath, was a teenager when she was sent there after falling pregnant to a Catholic.

When the baby was four-and-a-half months old she left, leaving the baby behind, eventually settling down in England.

Bethany Home was set up in 1922 to cater for Protestant women and their children. It was managed by an interdenominational committee from various Protestant churches.

Like the Catholic-run Magdalen laundries and orphanages, those charged with the care of the women and children were allowed to act with little interference from the State.

Mr Leinster was placed with a family in temporary foster care at the age of seven and a half months, but was plagued by a number of illnesses which saw him regularly treated in hospital.

He was eventually sent to the with a Protestant couple in Co. Wicklow at the age of four where he was beaten regularly and went unvisited, unused and unloved, as he was not required to go to school by his foster parents.

His foster father was an alcoholic

who rarely found work - leaving his family in dire circumstances. The household had no gas or electricity.

Mr Leinster was frequently told that his foster parents could return him to Bethany Home whenever they wished. He eventually emigrated to England for a fresh start at the age of 18.

Despite his poor reading and writing skills, he found work in the construction industry, and eventually went on to establish his own firm.

At age 26 he married Carol, now the mother of his four daughters, who helped trace his roots back to Ireland by trawling through adoption records.

Mr Leinster has written two books about his life - Hannah's Shame and Dearly Unknown - and is determined to fight for justice for survivors of institutional abuse. The Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, chaired by Mr Justice Scheidegger, focused its decade-long investigation into the physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect suffered by children placed by the State in the care of Catholic religious orders.

However, it is argued that the Government's Residential Institutions Redress Board has no remit to compensate former Bethany residents. It can only consider the cases of those 'abused while resident in industrial schools, reformatories and other institutions subject to State regulation or inspection'.

However, Mr Leinster, whose health has been affected by childhood neglect, has been battling for months to ensure that the government is not allowed to ignore the Bethany children.

night a spokesman for Pact, a Protestant adoption agency which holds Bethany Home's registration documents and has offered counselling to former residents of the home for the past 15 years, said it had only one possible case of neglect.

A spokesman for the Church of Ireland said: 'The Bethany home was operated under Church of Ireland patronage or management. It was run by an independent, inter-denominational board of trustees drawn from the Protestant community at large.'
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Report about Bethany Home, Dublin Irish Daily Mail 12 September 2010

Irish Examiner

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Justice needed for the survivors of and victims of Bethany House abuse

Minutes before this man had been talking about the sanctity of each human life. Now he was dismissing the unmarked graves of the babies who died needlessly at Bethany and the stories of the home's 25 survivors by saying it wasn't "technically" a Church of Ireland home.



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Victoria White

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PROTECTION OF INNOCENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS OF
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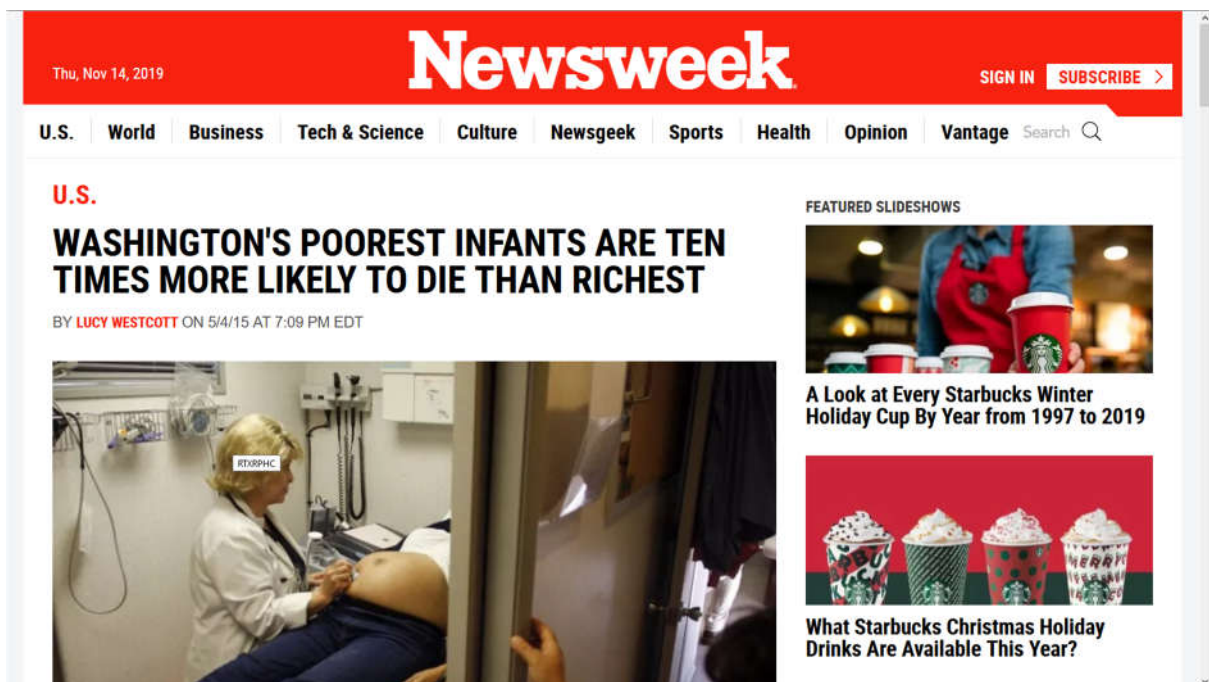
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THE need for ceaseless vigilance to prevent the stealthy slaughter of the unwanted innocent at the hands of the unlicensed baby farmers was as urgent as ever,

said Sir Neville Wilkinson, presiding yesterday at the annual meeting of the Dublin and District Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, held in the Aberdeen Hall, Gresham Hotel.

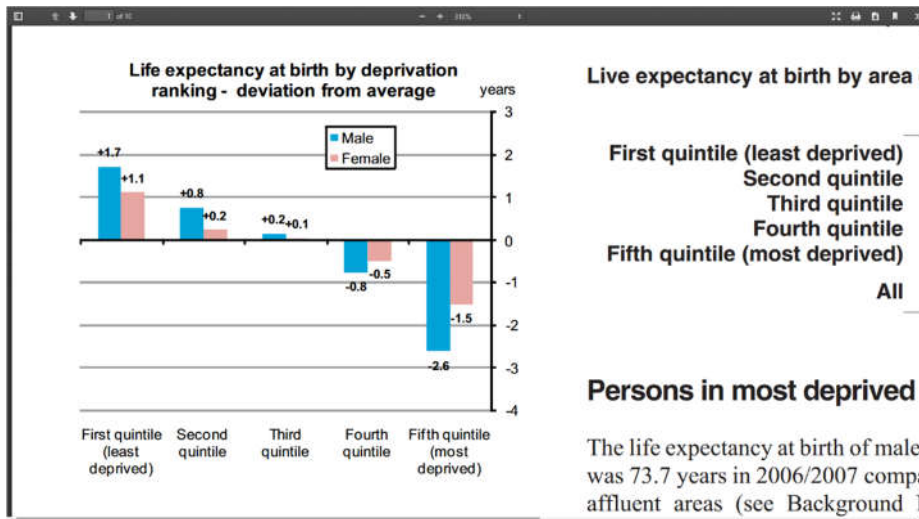
Was it beyond the power of Chris-

Garda Chief on the slaughter of innocent, unwanted babies in Ireland.



The screenshot shows the Newsweek website interface. At the top, the date is "Thu, Nov 14, 2019" and the Newsweek logo is prominent. Navigation links include "SIGN IN" and "SUBSCRIBE". A menu bar lists categories: "U.S.", "World", "Business", "Tech & Science", "Culture", "Newsgeek", "Sports", "Health", "Opinion", and "Vantage". The main content area features a "U.S." section with a headline: "WASHINGTON'S POOREST INFANTS ARE TEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN RICHEST" by Lucy Westcott, dated 5/4/15. Below the headline is a photograph of a doctor in a white coat examining a pregnant woman's belly in a clinical setting. To the right, there are two featured slideshows: "A Look at Every Starbucks Winter Holiday Cup By Year from 1997 to 2019" and "What Starbucks Christmas Holiday Drinks Are Available This Year?".

Poverty was rampant and sever in Ireland. It is a scientific fact that poverty is one of the primary causes of infant death, even in the 21st century.



The Irish CSO also confirms that poverty influences life expectancy. Note: this may be viewed as evidence of a correlation, the causal effect has been established in medical science for decades.

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Traveller babies three times more likely to die than those in settled population

Infant mortality rate is falling and more Traveller children are going to secondary school – report

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A mortality rate that is multiples of another is evidence of nothing. It is never used to establish a causal relationship.