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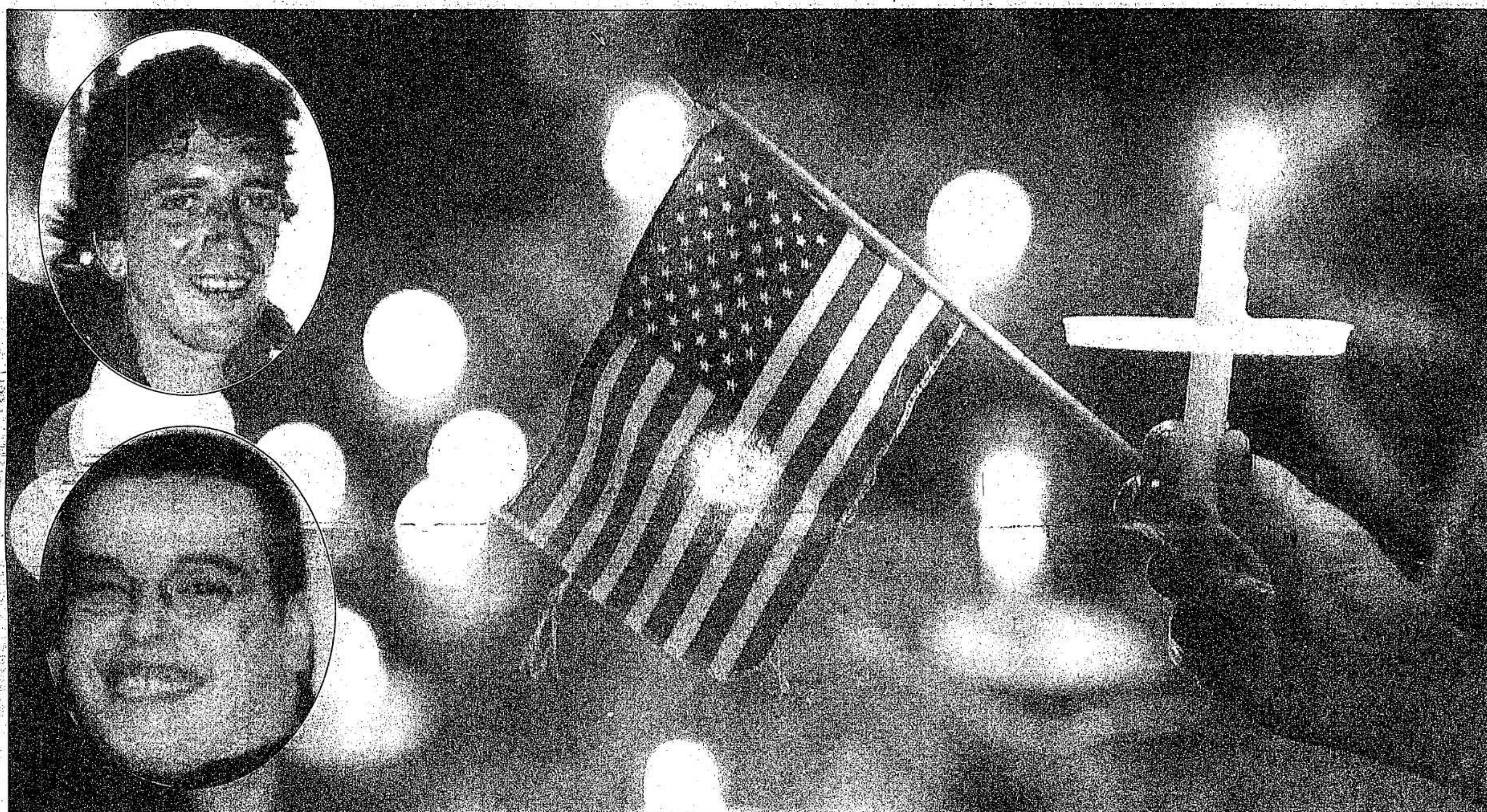
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THE WORLD IN MOURNING



People at Currituck County High School in North Carolina hold candles at a vigil to mark Tuesday's terror outrage. Still missing from the New York attacks are (inset top) Sean Canavan and Brian Monaghan, who have Ulster links

By Belfast Telegraph Reporters

GRIEF silently broke borders and crossed oceans today as Northern Ireland joined an international outpouring of sympathy with America — and faced the growing prospect that Ulster people lost relatives in Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Tyrone gaelic footballers Paschal and Peter Canavan were today waiting for news of their cousin Sean, who was working in the World Trade Centre on the fateful day.

And Sheila Quinn from north Belfast was preparing to hear the worst about her brother's grandson Brian Monaghan, who is also missing.

People across Northern Ireland observed three minutes silence in honour of the thousands of victims in New York, Washington and elsewhere, as families here continued to be caught in the awful wait for news of missing loved ones.

The Europe-wide three minutes of silence was observed in public and private across Northern Ireland at 11am, as President George W. Bush travelled to New York city to share the grief of people there and searchers continued their grim dig through the ruins of the World Trade Centre.

Their rescue efforts were recognised at public services in Belfast and Londonderry, as well as in businesses, hospitals and schools across Northern Ireland.

The Queen joined mourners in St Paul's Cathedral, and President Mary McAleese led a national day of mourning in the Republic. In Belfast, thousands of people observed the three minutes silence in front of City Hall.



Thousands of people converged on the City Hall in Belfast today to attend a memorial service for the victims of the terrorist attacks in America

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