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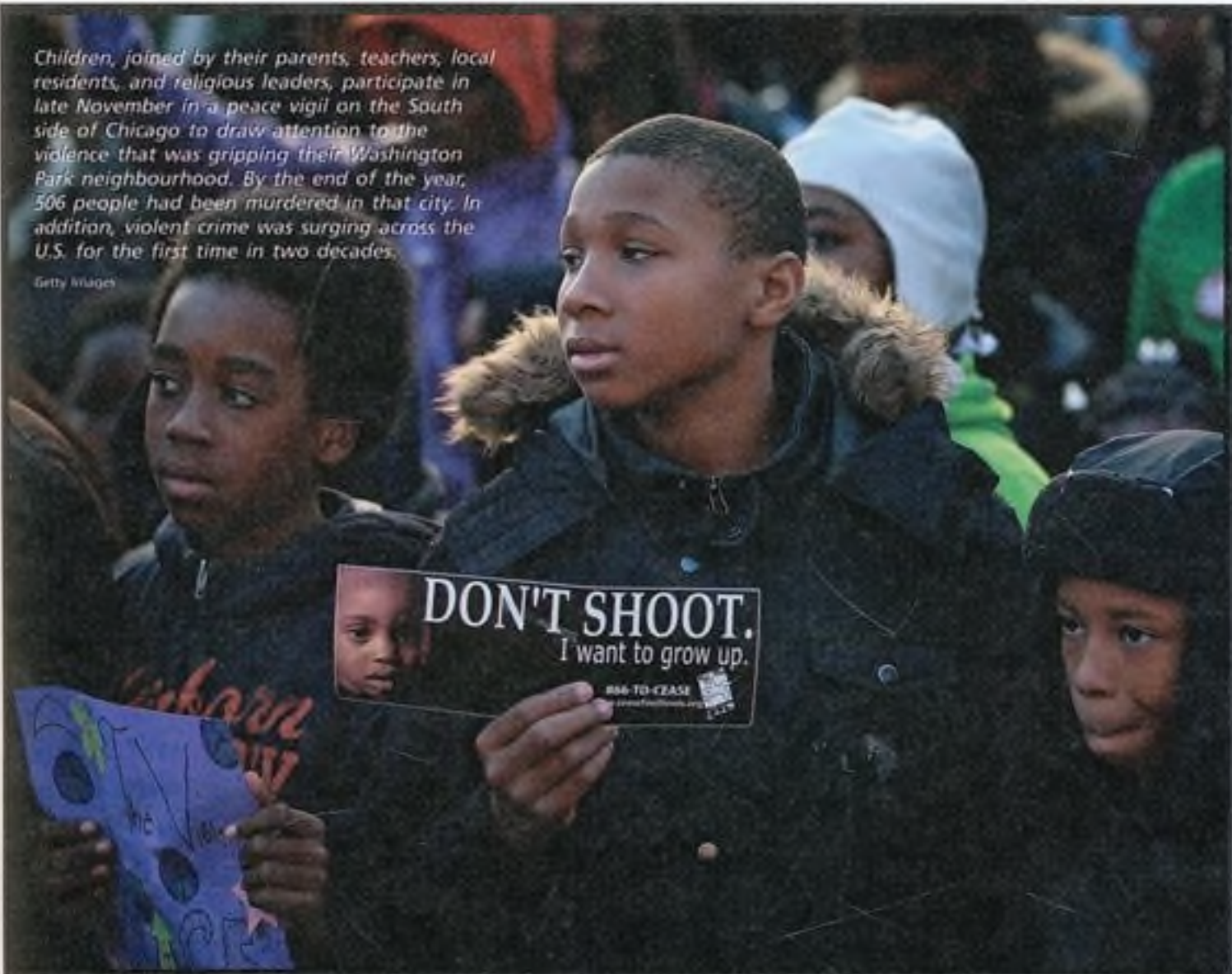
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Children, joined by their parents, teachers, local residents, and religious leaders, participate in late November in a peace vigil on the South side of Chicago to draw attention to the violence that was gripping their Washington Park neighbourhood. By the end of the year, 506 people had been murdered in that city. In addition, violent crime was surging across the U.S. for the first time in two decades.

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