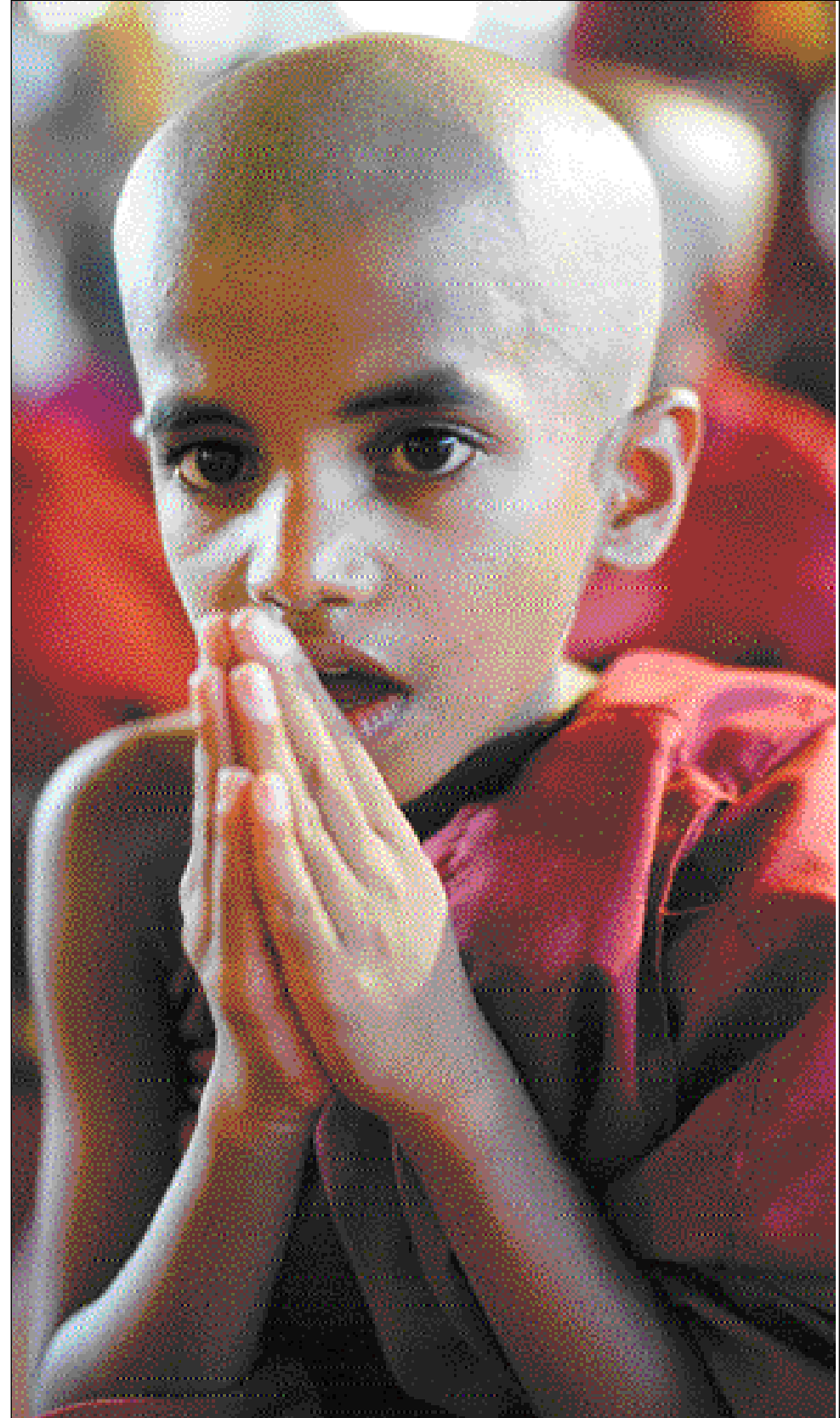
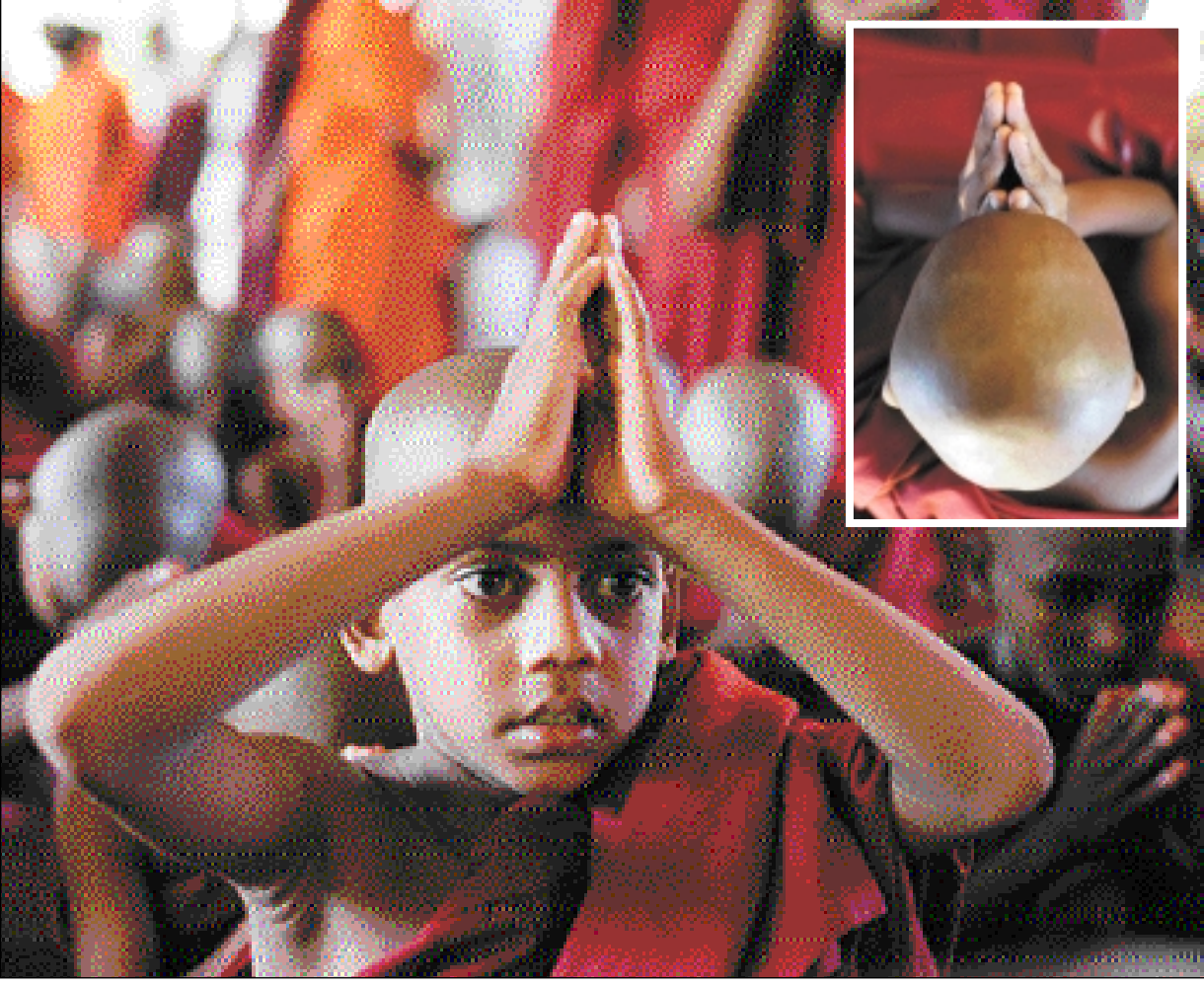


2550- 'Buddha Jayanthi' celebrations



DEVRAM VEHERA PANNIPITIYA:

One hundred and thirty young Buddhist monks were ordained at the Devram Maha Vehera at Pannipitiya on the day before Vesak as part of the 2550 Young Buddhist monk ordination programme to mark the 2250th Buddha Jayanthi anniversary.

An important event in Thailand was inaugurated where 1500 Buddhist monks gathered to celebrate this event with the first Buddhist Convention to be held in the world. The United Nations declared Vesak an international holiday and be a religious day on par with other religious holidays.

Sri Lanka celebrated the 2550th Buddha Jayanthi this year to commemorate The Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Parinibbana. There were many dansals and pandals to commemorate this event all over Sri Lanka.

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