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A lot more violence was recorded and photographed by reporters during the summer of 1964. For a hundred years, equality for blacks in the South was law on paper, but not in reality. It tragically took the murder of Northern white civil rights workers in Mississippi to arouse the anger of Americans throughout the country. The deaths of these three men forced politicians and ordinary citizens alike from all corners of the nation to fight for the civil rights for all men.

J.E. Chaney, age 21, Andy Goodman, age 20, and Mickey Schwerner, age 24, each walked different life paths that led them to be together in Mississippi that night. Each had his own reasons for being there. Each of them took a stand. None of them was allowed to accomplish much, but because of them, a nation took up the work they left undone.

At Andy Goodman's funeral, his father had these words:

Our grief, though personal, belongs to the nation. This tragedy is not private. It is part of the public conscience of our country.

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