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# Some Rights Volunteers Scared, but Won't Quit

## Western Group Feels Deep Personal Involvement Now

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OXFORD, June 25 — Iron determination and a feeling of deep personal involvement have swept civil rights workers here after the disappearance in Mississippi of three of their fellow workers.

The three youths — Andrew Goodman, 20, and Mickey Schwerner, 24, both of New York, and James Chaney, 21, of Meridian, Miss., dropped from sight Sunday. On Tuesday their station wagon, gutted by fire, was found in rural east Mississippi.

Speculation on the Western College for Women campus here is that the three are dead.

"YET THE RESPONSE of the volunteers has not been fear," said Dr. Robert Coles, a Harvard



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added, "it is not the kind that disables.

"These people are fighting now as soldiers do. Their response has been to gird themselves and fight harder. 'Like soldiers in a war they don't talk about getting killed, but go about their business.'"

Coles said this group—numbering about 300—has channeled any fear of being killed into subdued anger, determination and work.

DR. JOSEPH BRENNER, a

psychiatrist from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also with this group, agreed. "Their ability to cope with the situation is absolutely first-rate," he said.

This assessment of the mood on campus was reflected in comments from the volunteers.

"This (the disappearances) only reinforces my conscience and reasons for going," said Ellen Siegel, a University of New Hampshire sophomore. "I'm scared," she said, "and from all I know now, Mississippi seems

all the more like a police state. But I will have to cope with my fear and work around it."

ANTHONY JOHNSON, up here from Greenwood, Miss., to acquaint volunteers with conditions in the Delta region, said that having been shot at and jailed, he was probably more conditioned to violence than the others. "The Mississippi whites don't care who you are," he said, "if you are helping a Negro."

Said Peter Orris of New York City: "I've thought about this and it scares me. But it's not going to change anything. I'm still going."

Pat Vail of Pennsylvania said, "As for convictions, it has probably made them stronger. And by bits and snatches I am starting to realize the vastness of this — and the incomprehensible evil of some of it."

MARGARET BENES of California said the fact she was here last week and got to know the

three who disappeared has made her involvement extremely personal. "Friends of mine may be dead," she said.

"When I first heard the news I wanted just to cry. Then I got mad. Then the way I regard this movement shaped up, changed, in a way it never had.

"I'm learning something about grief and sorrow that I've never known before. There's no turning back. It's just very, very close now," she said, almost weeping.