Parents of Slain Trio Together At N.Y Rituals: Thousands Mourn At Separate Rites For Dead Workers

NEW YORK, N.Y. (Special to the Tribune) — A mother and father sat a few feet from a mahogany coffin, on which a single yellow rose lay. Tears welled up in their eyes and streamed down their faces as they heard their eldest son eulogized.

The parents of 30-year-old Andrew Goodman, one of the three civil rights workers who were killed in Mississippi were not alone in their grief Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Lee Chaney, mother of James Chaney, whose funeral was held Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schwerner, parents of slain Michael Schwerner, sat nearby.

Thousands gathered at separate services Sunday to mourn two of the civil rights workers killed in Mississippi and to dedicate themselves to the cause in which the young men died.

During the funeral of Andrew Goodman an anonymous telephone caller warned Police Headquarters that a bomb had been placed in the building.

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— A Negro State Senator —

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building.

Police moved quietly into the filled 1200-seat auditorium, scrutinized the crowd and removed two large vases of flowers from the podium. But the service continued without interruption and few realized the reason for the police intrusion. The bomb scare proved a hoax.

In addition to those in the auditorium, 150 persons in the basement listened to the service over a loudspeaker. More than 500 were turned away and waited patiently on the sidewalk outside.

The main eulogist was Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, a friend of the slain youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman. Rabbi Lelyveld, who is 51 years old, was himself beaten by a mob in Hattiesburg, Miss., on July 10.

"There are two levels to our grief today," the rabbi began, "and paradoxically the two are one. First and foremost we grieve for a precious individual. A rare blend of tenderness and manliness marked his unfolding years.

"But, the tragedy of Andy Goodman cannot be separated from the tragedy of mankind. Along with James Chaney and Michael Schwerner he has become the eternal evocation of all the host of beautiful young men and women who are carrying forward the struggle for which they gave their lives."