

## Chapter 31\_“His Truth Goes Marching On ...”

In the basement of Dr. Jones' home, a group known as the Iron Guard of the White Sons of the American Constitution convened. Comprising twenty young men, all blond and over six feet tall, they were distinguished by a peculiar detail: a gold ribbon threaded through an atypical buttonhole on the right lapel of their suits. This distinctive feature, noted by Dr. Jones, allowed them to identify each other discreetly, contributing to a sense of camaraderie and belonging.

As the scene unfolded, we see characters like Keeley and Jones, along with Resi, who was set to speak about her experiences under communism. A notable moment emerged when Jones mentioned the mothers' role in ensuring their sons' coats had the unusual buttonholes, highlighting a blend of tradition and secrecy. Surrounding the event, the significance of the meeting became more apparent as Jones disclosed that the attendees were not local boys but came from various places, including New Jersey and even Philadelphia. This attentiveness to the boys' backgrounds linked to the broader theme of parental concern regarding their children's ideological upbringing.

The ambiance was charged with expectation as Keeley opened the session with a prayer led by The Black Fuehrer, whose unconventional drumming punctuated the gathering. Resi's lackluster talk prompted a curt dismissal from Jones, emphasizing his authoritarian demeanor. As Jones commenced speaking, the lights dimmed and the atmosphere shifted to one of tension and secrecy. He recounted a narrative regarding the American patriot's plight during World War II, weaving in elements that echoed nationalist sentiments and anti-Semitic rhetoric, culminating in the broadcast of Howard W. Campbell, Jr., which reverberated through the room.

The character's reflections on his past influence were underlined by a sense of detachment, recognizing the incendiary nature of his previous statements but accepting them without remorse. The session concluded with applause and the backdrop of looming danger as a message unexpectedly slipped into Campbell's pocket, advising him of a need for immediate escape. It emphasized the precariousness of his situation with an urgent tone, signed by Colonel Frank Wirtanen, delineating a world of dangers and hidden alliances that characterized the chapter's narrative.