Treachery In U. S.
The German Nazis in New York and New Jersey are following the same general plan of conspiracy against this easy-going democracy that succeeded in Czechoslovakia. Fritz Kuhn, the leader of the bund, like Konrad Henlein, Hitler's deputy in the Sudetenland, possesses citizenship in the country in which he serves Der Fuehrer. Henlein had a Czechoslovakian passport and as a citizen of that nation employed for her destruction the rights of free speech and assembly which minorities do not possess in Germany. Henlein has now finally crushed all liberties for minorities in the land where he complained of oppression.

The treachery in Czechoslovakia began modestly, and the bund movement here, adhering to the Henlein plan, thus far avoids any mention of Anschluss with the Reich. Much remains to be done before the neighbors in which the bund members are congregated may frankly identify those islands of Germandom and place them under the protection of the eternal German swastika.

Nevertheless, Herr Kuhn and the Nazi consular diplomatic forces in this country would be justified in looking toward a time when, under pressure of distress, the United States, like Czechoslovakia, might be unable to resist. In such circumstances, of course, Mussolini would be tempted to rescue certain island outposts of Italian Fascists in our midst and Poland, which has shown a fine sense of timing and power in seizing the Teschen district of Czechoslovakia, might show a similar interest in portions of Chicago and Milwaukee.

Mussolini, in his official press, has remarked that we are a nation of gangsters and lack culture, and it is important to remember in this connection that the Rome-Berlin axis holds that mongrel nations without culture have no right to exist. Gangster nations, of course, may be shot on sight.

"Mongrel" is not a kind word, but candor compels the admission that, peoples as we is by refugees and other immigrants from many lands and their descendants, the United States is the home of a composite race. Czechoslovakia was deemed to deserve torture and death at the hands of Hitler, with Mussolini's encouragement, for characteristics which they have also noted here.

Already Herr Kuhn marshals uniformed forces of, so to speak, Sudeten Americans, armed, up to now, only with such weapons as may be concealed from sight, although there have been Nazi rallies of military character in which rifles were carried for escort purposes and for innocent practice in the target range. Italian black-shirt Americans have joined the Sudeten Americans in some of these cultural exercises, and as far as they have gone the Nazis in particular, and the Fascists less aggressively, have followed the Henlein method.

The next step would be to elect representatives in the Legislature and in Congress. That would be followed by demands for formal recognition by the State and Federal governments of foreign minorities and a voice in American affairs for the representatives of Hitler and Mussolini. Autonomy would come next on the list of demands, accompanied by demonstrations of semi-military organizations wearing foreign uniforms and giving allegiance to Fuehrer and Duce. And, finally, rescue and Anschluss.

The Dies Committee of Congress, hampered as it is by public apathy, insufficiency of money and the unfortunate limitations of a personnel selected for its mediocrity, has at least cracked the crust of an anti-American conspiracy for conducting under remote control by two foreign and ostensibly friendly nations. Attempts have been made to laugh it all off as mere publicity for Mr. Dies, but the American sense of humor will wonder what's the joke.