

Reds Infest U. S. Shipping, Valtin Claims

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'Out of the Night'

Author Speaks at
Press Club Here

Forgetting his fear of publicity and cameras, which heretofore he has shunned, Richard Julius Herman Krebs, better known as Jan Valtin, author of the best seller, "Out of the Night," spoke at a luncheon in the National Press Club yesterday.

His address, in which he recounted experiences both as an OGPU agent for Soviet Russia and later as a Gestapo spy for Nazi Germany, was "off the record."

His Second Visit Here

This was Valtin's second appearance in Washington in recent weeks. In March he came here secretly and made a broadcast over station WOL.

The Immigration Service is now seeking to deport Valtin on the ground of the revelations made in his book that he entered the country illegally, that he was a member of a political party advocating overthrow of the American form of government and that he has a criminal record.

To newspapermen, after the luncheon, Valtin spoke for publication on the activities of Communists and Nazi agents in the United States.

Tells of Red Network

There is not a single merchant ship on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, he said, which does not have Communist members on board, while on the West Coast the longshoremen's union is Communist-dominated.

Nazi spies are fewer, Valtin said, and confine their activities chiefly to gathering information as to ship movements and attempting to obtain code books and other data of military value.



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Jan Valtin Forgets Camera-Shyness

The author (left) of the sensational best-seller, "Out of the Night," discards his past aversion to publicity and permits himself to be photographed at a National Press Club luncheon yesterday with Melbourne Christerson, club president. Valtin spoke "off the record."