

Jan Valtin Asks Pardon In Fight on Deportation

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SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 21.—Jan Valtin, author of the book "Out of the Night," has applied to Gov. Culbert L. Olson for a pardon as a step in his fight against deportation to Germany.

The 36-year-old former seaman wrote the Governor that a pardon would help him realize a dream to establish a permanent home in America and would "also frustrate Nazi and Communist efforts to deliver me to Hitler's headsman for having become an implacable foe of totalitarian methods of government."

Valtin, who made the application under his real name, Richard Julius Herman Krebs, was convicted in Los Angeles in 1926 for assault with a deadly weapon on a shopkeeper. He was paroled from San Quentin after serving 3 years of a 10-year sentence. He is now living near Danbury, Conn.