

Valtin Gets Assault Pardon in California

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—Gov. Culbert L. Olson has pardoned Jan Valtin from a prison sentence for assault during a holdup.

The German-born writer, whose "Out of the Night"—a purported expose of Communist and Nazi activities—is a best-seller, said at Dallas, Tex., when informed of the pardon yesterday:

"The first round of the fight against deportation is won."

Valtin, whose true name is Richard Krebs, is on a lecture tour. Seized last March for deportation, he pleaded for a chance to apply for citizenship. If returned to Germany, he said, he would be beheaded.

Krebs pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Maurice L. Goodstein, 67-year-old Jewish merchant of Los Angeles.

He was sentenced to 10 years in San Quentin Prison. Paroled after serving three years and a month, he was deported to Germany in 1929.