

'Valtin' Seized For Internment

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. — Richard Krebs, who wrote a best-seller *Out of the Night* under the name of Jan Valtin, has been arrested for deportation to Germany and interned for the duration of the war.

Immigration authorities, acting under an order approved by Attorney General Francis Biddle, took him into custody at Bethel, Conn., after the Board of Immigration Appeals ruled that Krebs had entered the U. S. A. illegally.



Jan Valtin

Although the accuracy of Valtin's biographical work has been challenged widely, the board appeared to have read the work and accepted it as fact.

Its decision, made public following Krebs' arrest, reported his career "so marked with violence, intrigue, and treachery that it would be difficult, if not wholly unwarranted, to conclude that his present reliability and good character has been established."

Without divulging the sources of its information about Krebs, the board reported that:

He was "a member of the Communist Party of Germany, a section of the Communist International," from 1923 to 1937.

He came to the U. S. A. "on orders from Communist Party superiors" as a stowaway and acted on orders "to commit murder by a Communist Party official in Los Angeles."

He became an executive officer of the International Seamen and Harbor Workers and "the Comintern's chief trouble-maker on the waterfronts of Europe, hunted by police of half a dozen nations."