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A **Chinese** **journalist** said he had little choice but to brave passage aboard a filthy **smuggling** vessel in hopes of political asylum in the United States.

"I would have been in jail if I had stayed. My life was threatened," Ren-Fu Yang said.

The U.S. government agreed that his pro-democracy writings for the Fuzhou Harbor Daily led to his persecution in China and endangered his family. The Immigration and Naturalization Service **freed** him Friday.

He was among the 349 **Chinese** immigrants seized June 2 from two fishing boats off San Francisco.

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