

INS grants temporary resident status to local applicant

When Rafael Garzon walked into the Buffalo office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on Monday, July 20, his temporary resident's card was ready and waiting.

It was a moment Garzon has been awaiting for years. In May, he was among the Roches-

ter area's first applicants for legalization under the new federal immigration law. Last month, he became the first person in the INS' western district to receive a response.

"I want to stress over and over that the chance is there and people should not be afraid to take advantage of it," he said. "Being free is what it's all about."

Garzon, 44, originally came to the United States from Colombia in 1969 with a tourist visa. After it expired, he returned to his own country and applied for permission to emigrate to the United States. Because the immigration quotas set for Colombians were small in comparison to the waiting list, Garzon returned to the United States in 1971 with a student visa. A year later, when he was unable to afford college tuition, INS officials asked him to return

voluntarily to his own country. Less than a month later, however, he was back in the United States with a new student visa.

Garzon studied accounting at St. John Fisher College, and eventually found a factory job. But when he stopped taking classes, his visa expired and he became illegal.

After following the debate over immigration reform closely, Garzon was well prepared when the new law took effect on May 5, 1987. He filed his application just nine days later.

On Friday, July 17, he received a notice from the INS regional office, directing him to report to the district office in Buffalo. When Garzon walked into the Buffalo office the following Monday, Assistant District Director for Legalization Winston Barrus Jr. immediately brought him the long-awaited temporary resident's card.

"It already had my name and my picture on it," he said. "I was surprised. I didn't expect these people to be so friendly."

Garzon's temporary resident status will continue for the next 18 months, after which he

will be eligible for permanent resident status.

During a subsequent conversation with Barrus, Garzon learned that since he was in the United States before January 1, 1972, he may qualify as a registry applicant for legalization. Under that category, he could apply directly for permanent resident status, which would save him time as well as money.

Garzon planned to celebrate his good fortune by having dinner with Father Raymond Fleming, the friend who encouraged him to apply for legalization and drove him to Buffalo.

"I'm grateful to God more than anything," he said. "He is the one who carried me through all these things."

Garzon's successful application is also good news to INS officials and legalization staff at the Catholic Family Center. They hope that more illegal aliens will now begin to apply for amnesty.

In the meantime, Catholic Family Center, a screening agency for the INS, has opened a new legal assistance center at SUNY Brockport. Beginning on Wednesday, August 5, the center will offer advice and help with the legalization process every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the Cooper Building, Room B-9. For information, call Matthew Gallelli, (716)395-2356.

Assistance and answers to legalization questions are also available at the following locations:

Rural Opportunities office, 151 Platt St., Albion, (716)589-7027;

Ibero-American Action League office, 322 Exchange St., Geneva, (315)781-2855;

Sodus legalization office, 32 Main St., Sodus, (315)483-9151;

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