

International Students Deported SMU Student Gets Reprieve

HALIFAX (CUP) - The St. Mary's University student who was threatened with deportation for accepting 15 cents for some candy has won a temporary reprieve.

Kow "Peter" Chang has been granted permission to stay in Canada until Dec. 13 while his case is being reviewed by the Federal Court of Canada.

Chang had been previously ordered out of the

country by Nov. 4 by the Nova Scotia adjudicator for the federal department of immigration. He had been charged with selling 15 cents worth of candy to children from his sister's store, an act allegedly contrary to the terms of his visa student status.

His lawyers are also hoping he has a better chance of winning his case, after a similar case

in Ontario was decided in favour of the accused.

In that case, John Labrakos, a native of Greece, was charged with having assisted his brother in his submarine shop. The assistance was given when the shop was busy and a regular employee had failed to arrive on schedule.

When immigration officials saw Labrakos making sandwiches, they laid

charges.

However, the adjudicator in the case ruled that Labrakos was not working (which would have broken immigration rules) but was only giving assistance to his brother for which he expected no pay.

Similarly Chang was in his sister's store only because a regular employee failed to arrive and the store had to be opened to allow the milkman to make delivery. After Chang opened the store, two youngsters entered, placed 15 cents on the counter, and took some candy.

The Nova Scotia adjudicator who ordered him out of the country ignored the concept, ruling that duties performed by Chang were ones for which one normally expects to be paid.

According to Labrakos' solicitor, there is a wide area of case law which supported the Labrakos arguments and should support the Chang case.

In order for one to be employed, he said, it is necessary that certain conditions be met, such as regular hours, regular pay, regular government deductions, and some sort of a "master-servant relationship".

As for the aspect of the Immigration Act which refers to activity for which "a person may reasonably be expected to receive valuable consideration", the Ontario solicitor asked, "Would you expect to be paid for helping your sister?"

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There were the additional millions the two companies paid to various suppliers in Atlantic Canada. There was the hard-to-measure, but very real way in which these dollars stimulated the overall economy of the region.

This economic stimulation will be even greater if we can take full advantage of the 200-mile fisheries management zone.

For instance, it is estimated that if we in Canada realize our full potential and become the largest fish exporting country in the world, the east coast fishing industry will provide up to 10,000 additional jobs. Economists further estimate that for each new job in the fishing industry, up to 1.4 additional jobs will be created as a spin-off effect. For Canada as a whole, taking advantage of the opportunity will mean more exports, a stronger dollar and a reduction in regional disparity.

To realize fully the benefits of the 200-mile zone, we need federal government policies or modified policies in a number of areas.

We need policies that will maintain a fair and reasonable balance between the inshore and the offshore fishery.

We need policies that will bring about the gradual reduction of the foreign catching effort in our 200-mile zone.

We need policies that will encourage replacement and expansion of the inshore and offshore fleets, and the creation of a Canadian-owned and operated fleet of trawlers with freezing and on-board processing facilities.

Until we remove the uncertainty from these and other policy areas, many of the benefits of the 200-mile zone will not be available to us. We will continue to see a large foreign fishing fleet in our waters — perhaps for all time.

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