

# Marciano's Longtime Aid Killed

Boston, Jan. 7 (UPI) — Allie Colombo, longtime friend and second of Rocky Marciano, who helped the former heavyweight champion thru his undefeated career, was killed late last night when crushed by a trailer truck, police reported today.

Colombo, 49, was hit by the truck as it backed up to unload groceries at a supermarket parking lot in the Readville section of Boston. He was employed by the supermarket chain which owned the truck and was working at the scene. He was dead on arrival at City hospital.

Marciano and Colombo were boyhood pals in Brockton, about 35 miles south of Boston. Marciano, who fought a little bit while in the service, began his pro career in 1947 with Colombo as his trainer.

Colombo, realizing the muscular Marciano was a potential ring standout, wrote Promoter Al Weill and then hitchhiked with him to New York so Weill and Trainer Charley Goldman could inspect the young slugger.

Marciano, with Goldman and Colombo in his corner, built an impressive list of victories, mostly in Providence, R. I., during the next two years. He knocked out his first 16 opponents and 19 of his first 20 and in 1951 Marciano knocked out an aging Joe Louis.

Marciano whipped Jersey Joe Walcott in 1952 to capture the heavyweight championship and retired April 27, 1956—unbeaten after 49 fights.

Funeral services for Colombo will be held Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Brockton, with burial in Melrose cemetery in Brockton.