

Rocky Marciano Calls For Tax Law To Aid Boxers Spread Their Income

WASHINGTON — (INS) — Rocky Marciano called Sunday for tax law changes so that professional boxers can spread their income over more than their "short and dangerous" active fighting careers.

The former heavyweight champion said that in his eight fighting years he had gone in the red for the first three and earned more than four and a half million dollars during the last five.

Marciano declared on American Broadcasting Company-TV's "Open Hearing" that he had recently been offered one and a quarter million dollars for one fight, but that the government would have taken all but about \$250,000 of the purse.

On the same program, Sen. Albert Gore (D) Tenn., said he doubted if there would be any large tax reduction this year.

Gore, a member of the Senate Finance Committee said such cuts should be resorted to only. "If absolutely necessary to keep the recession from slipping into a depression."

Marciano based his plea for boxers on tax laws which permit businesses to make allowances for depletion of manufacturing facilities.

"I think a fighter should have a little consideration for depletion of the physical resources," the ex-champion said.