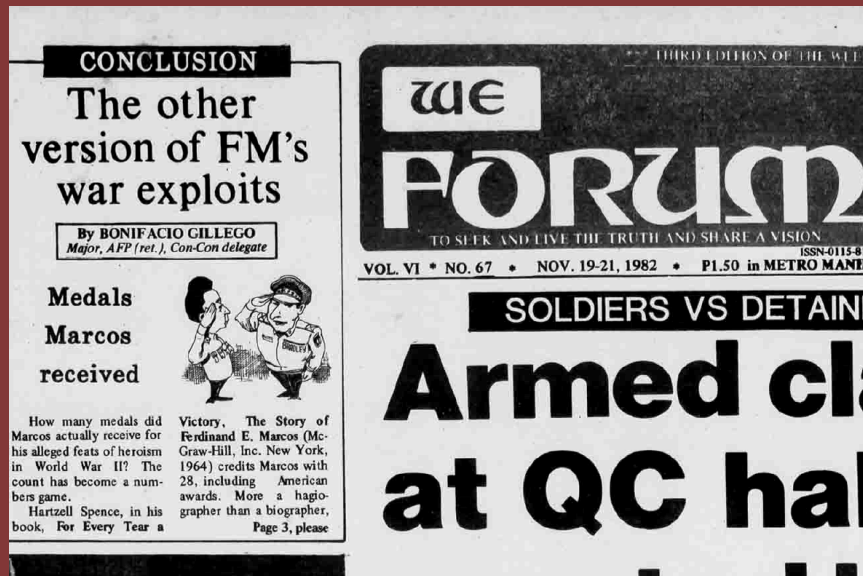


## Shutdown of We Forum

December 1982



In 1982, the headquarters of *We Forum* in Project 6, Quezon City was raided after it published an expose written by Bonifacio Gillego on Marcos Sr.' fake war exploits. Their equipment was seized, and more than a dozen of its staff and columnists, including the editor-in-chief, Jose G. Burgos, were arrested. Subversion and libel cases were filed against the independent tabloid, which was part of the emerging "mosquito press" at the time.

*Nagsilbi ang mga "mosquito press" bilang alternatibong mapagkukuhanan ng balita sa panahon ng diktadura. Ilan sa napatanyag sa mga ito ang We Forum na naglathala ng mga kritikal na artikulo hinggil kay Marcos Sr., tulad ng sanaysay na isinulat ni Bonifacio Gillego tungkol sa huwad na kabayanihan ni Marcos Sr. noong Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig. Bunga nito, sinugod at sinara ng mga militar ang opisina ng nasabing pahayagan na nasa Project 6, Lungsod ng Quezon. Dinakip at kinasuhan ng libel at pagiging subersibo ang higit sa labindalawang mga manggagawa nito kasama ang punong patnugot na si Jose G. Burgos.*

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