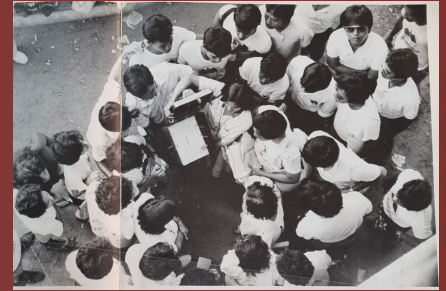


Announcement of Snap Elections

1985



By 1985, Ferdinand Marcos Sr. was losing his grip on power. The dictator was burdened by chronic illness, the economy was in freefall, and an opposition movement was gaining momentum. With the world watching, Marcos Sr. announced on the American public affairs TV program *This Week with David Brinkley* that he was ready to call a snap election in 1986 to secure a fresh mandate for his regime. The snap elections were held on 7 February 1986 and the official results were considered fraudulent.

*Kapansin-pansin ang paglakas ng mga hamon laban sa diktadurang Marcos sa pagpasok ng taong 1985. Dulot ito ng lumalalang kalagayan ng ekonomiya ng bansa, lumalawak na oposisyon, at bumabagsagsak na kalusugan ng diktador. Sa isang programang pantelebisyon sa America, ang *This Week with David Brinkley*, binanggit ni Marcos Sr. na handa siyang magpatawag ng snap election upang patunayan ang kumpanyansa ng taumbayan sa kanyang patuloy na panunungkulan.*

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