

“A most callous suppression of the freedom of the press.” “A violation of the declaration of human rights and the principle of press freedom.” “A conspiracy of two governments at the highest level.”

Such was the language used to describe the arrest, deportation and incarceration of Quintin and Rizal Yuyitung in 1970.

Their alleged crime? Printing news reports, largely from Western news sources about Mainland China.

As the publisher and editor of the Chinese Commercial News respectively, the two brothers prized editorial independence above all. Their work as journalists led to clashes with President Ferdinand Marcos’s government and Taiwan’s Kuomintang party, who shared an aggressive anti-China and anti-communist stance. The brothers were subjected to years of harassment and multiple arrests on fabricated charges of promoting subversive activity.

In May of 1970, while their deportation case was pending, the two brothers were suddenly whisked away to Taipei to stand trial on “spreading communist propaganda.” The case would test every bit of the brothers’ courage, character and integrity in the face of harsh adversity.



Told through the eyes of some of the most prominent Filipino journalists of the time, The Case of the Yuyitung Brothers is a chronicle of press freedom under attack, where the mere act of printing the news was license to persecute, arrest and detain. It is also a story of “nobility of spirit,” and how the courage and principles of the brothers and the press community stood up to governments seeking to extinguish their voices.

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After years of harassment and false accusations for allegedly promoting communism and subversive, anti-Filipino views, he and his brother Quintin were arrested and deported to Taiwan in 1970. Upon Rizal's release, he went into exile in Canada.

With the downfall of Marcos in 1986, Rizal and his brother returned to the Philippines and resumed publication of the Chinese Commercial News. The newspaper remains within the Yuyitung family and still publishes today.



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There are many countries in the world where politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. We have yet to find a country on earth in which the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians.

— Quintin Yuyitung

