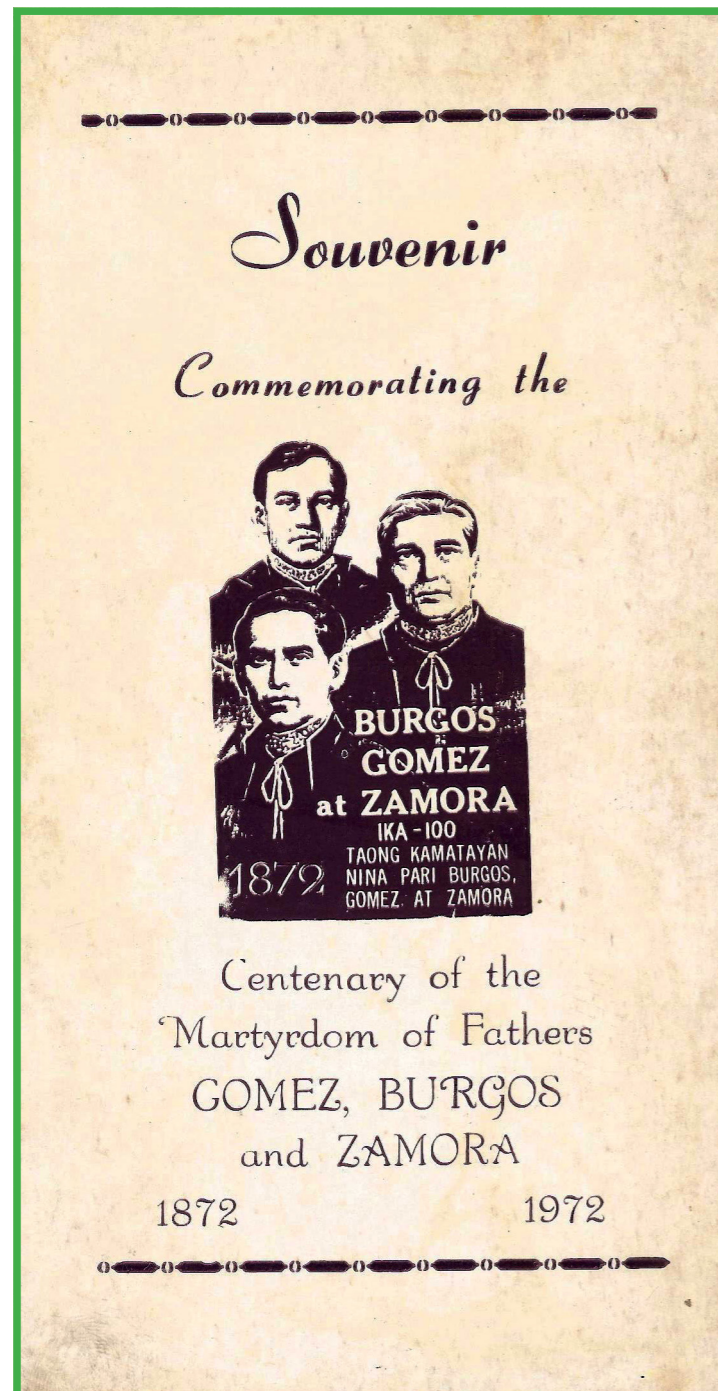


April 3, 1972
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To commemorate the centenary of the death of the three martyrs, Fathers Jose Burgos, Mariano Gomez and Jacinto Zamora, the Bureau of Posts issues April 3, 1972 a set of stamps with the following particulars:

Kind of Issue:	Commemorative
Size:	27x51 mm printed size
Denomination:	5-sentimo - 750.000
and Quantity:	60-sentimo - 750.000
Sheet Composition:	50
Printing Process:	Heliogravure (five colors)
Printer:	Suomen Pankin Setelipaino (Helsinki, Finland)
Designer:	Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr.

On January 20, 1872, the Spanish Government in the Philippines accused Fathers Gomez, Burgos and Zamora, who belonged to the secular clergy, of organizing and leading the revolt of a handful of soldiers garrisoned at Ft. San Felipe and of artisans in the arsenal, in the town of Cavite, with the object of separating the archipelago from the sovereign country and proclaiming it a Republic, thereby undermining the integrity of the monarchy.

On the 15th of February, the three priests were tried in utmost secrecy in a military court: and two days later, in the morning of February 17, they were brought from Fort Santiago to Bagumbayan field for execution in the presence of a vast crowd. Zaldua, a soldier from the Bicol region, who was bribed to testify against them, was executed first. He was followed by Father Gomez, aged eighty-five; after him came Father Zamora, aged thirty-seven and last was Father Burgos, aged thirty-five.

The execution by garrote of Fathers Gomez, Burgos and Zamora showed the seed of discontent among the Filipinos and marked the beginning of the Philippine Revolution.

