

A photograph of Nelson Mandela and Winnie Mandela. Nelson is on the left, wearing a dark suit and tie, with his right fist raised. Winnie is on the right, wearing a dark jacket with a white floral design, also with her right fist raised. They are surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are also raising their fists. The background is slightly blurred, showing more people and greenery.

Today in History

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▲ **Nelson Mandela, South Africa's black nationalist leader, was released after 27 years in jail for charges related to the ANC's armed campaign against apartheid**

1889: A new constitution, creating a western-style two-house parliament, was promulgated in Japan

1914: A French pilot became the first man to fly over Mont Blanc in the Alps, reaching a height of 16,000ft

1986: The Soviet Union released Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky

1990: U.S. boxer James Buster Douglas caused a huge upset by knocking out Mike Tyson to win the world heavyweight title