

A close-up photograph of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth, and waving with her right hand. She is wearing a white fur-trimmed coat, a white fur hat with a large bow, and white gloves. She has glasses and a red and white earring. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in formal attire.

Today in History

April 16, 1940

▲ **Queen Margrethe II of Denmark was born. She has reigned since 1972, when she became the first woman in nearly 600 years to occupy the Danish throne**

1905: The philanthropic Carnegie Foundation was established

1990: Speaking in London, Nelson Mandela publicly thanked the world for its support during his 26 years of imprisonment in South Africa

1995: The European Union and Canada ended a bitter dispute over fishing rights in the North Atlantic

2003: The World Health Organisation confirmed a new coronavirus had caused the global SARS epidemic