

A photograph of Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk shaking hands. Mandela is on the left, wearing a grey suit and a blue tie, smiling. De Klerk is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a red patterned tie, with a neutral expression. They are standing in front of a colorful, patterned curtain.

Today in History

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▲ **President F.W. de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their work to end apartheid in South Africa**

1582: The Papal States, Spain and Portugal became the first countries to implement the Gregorian Calendar

1794: The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia struck the first “silver dollars” of America’s new currency

1928: Germany’s Graf Zeppelin airship made the first commercial flight across the Atlantic, arriving after four days

2003: China became the third country after Russia and the U.S. to launch a crewed space mission