



## *Father of the Nation*



[PLAY: "Nelson Mandela" from the series \*Great Hearts of Courage\*](#)

Apartheid - a system of racial segregation - was officially instituted in South Africa in 1948, when the National Party came to power. Nelson Mandela, a 30-year-old lawyer practicing in Johannesburg who was also a member of the African



*Nelson Mandela said, "No one is born hating another person... People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love."*

National Congress (ANC) party, committed himself to the overthrow of the discriminatory system. Moving from non-violent to more militant methods, he was eventually arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment. He spent the next 27 years at Robben Island, Pollsmoor Prison and Victor Verster Prison before increasing domestic and international pressure - and fears of a racial civil war - led President F.W. de Klerk to release him in 1990. It was then that Mandela's march of greatness truly began. Working with de Klerk, Mandela helped negotiate an end to apartheid and was elected President of South Africa on May 10, 1994. The life of Nelson Mandela, whom South Africans called "Father of the Nation," is profiled in an episode of the series *Great Hearts of Courage*, available in CCC! Streaming Media.

## *90 Years Ago: "Lucky Lindy"*

In mid-February, 1927, 25-year-old



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aviator Charles Lindbergh - a college drop-out who had been earning his living as an airplane mechanic, wing walker, parachutist, barnstormer, flight instructor and air mail pilot,



*"It is the greatest shot of adrenaline to be doing what you have wanted to do so badly," said Lindbergh. "You almost feel like you could fly without the plane."*

arrived in San Diego to oversee the design and construction of an airplane that would essentially be a gas tank with wings, which was called The Spirit of St. Louis in honor of the two St. Louis businessmen who were his biggest backers. Lindbergh's goal was to win the \$25,000 that French-born hotelier Raymond Orteig had promised to the first pilot or pilots to complete a non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris. With his plane secured, Lindbergh took off from the muddy runway of Long Island's Roosevelt Field in the early morning hours of May 20, 1927, heading into the fog. Thirty-three-and-a-half hours later, at 10:22 PM, he landed at Le Bourget Airport in Paris. The feat made Lindbergh an international celebrity. His flight, and all the preparations that went into it, are examined in ***Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle***, available in **CCC! Streaming Media**.

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