

# Nelson Mandela: Supreme Court, Pretoria, 1964

Conclusion of Nelson Mandela's court statement at the opening of his trial on charges of sabotage, Supreme Court of South Africa, Pretoria, April 20 1964.

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I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.