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**Confederados - I**

**Lead:** As the dreams of an independent Confederacy crumbled under the relentless assault of the Federal war machine, people North and South began to imagine what life would be like in a Southland humbled by defeat.

**Intro.:** *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.

**Content:** Union leaders given to mercy and forgiveness like Abraham Lincoln were prepared to accept the Southerners as if they had never been away. Lincoln, the long-suffering

**leader of a victorious cause, just might have been able to pull it off. He wanted to quickly restore the South to full participation in the life of the Republic with as little damage as possible beyond that directly associated with the military campaigns.**

**The assassin's bullet cut short his efforts and a darker far more vengeful spirit settled over the Federal government. The South would be made to pay for its treason and four years of bloodshed.**

**At that point, Union leaders faced the classic problem of any conquering power. Short of stationing occupation troops in each white Southern household, the Federal program**

**required at least a minimum level of cooperation from the conquered.**

**The majority of Southerners realized the implications of Appomattox and were ready to cooperate. General Robert E. Lee was perhaps the foremost leader holding this view. He believed that the South's attempt at breaking the bonds of the Union had failed and it must graciously accept the consequences of defeat; the sooner the better.**

**Other Southerners were bitter and, though they obeyed the letter of the law, vigorously resisted Federal attempts at reconstructing Southern society. As Northern interest waned, Jim Crow laws blocked the progress of**

**African Americans for decades. As still smaller group of white Southerners were still unable to bear the stigma of defeat, the release of their slaves, and the prospect of subjugation by the hated Yankees. They left for South America. Next time: The Confederacy on the Tieté.**

**At the University of Richmond, this is Dan Roberts.**

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