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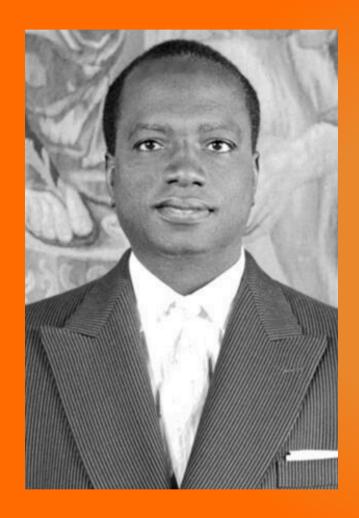
Main Character

MALI

Modibo Keita



WHO IS HE?



NAME Modibo Keita

BIRTH - DEATH 1915 - 1977



PLACE OF BIRTH

Bamako Coura, Upper Senegal and Niger

OCCUPATION

First President of Mali, from 1960 to 1968.

One of the emblematic actors of the independence of French-speaking Africa. After a carrier in French politics Modibo was the **architect of Malian independence** from the French implementing a **socialist regime**.



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- 1940 Joined the Progressist Sudanese Party (PPS) pan-African and anti-colonial movement.
- 1946 Elected President of the Sudanese Union African Democratic Rally (US-RDA), former PPS. French Sudan's independence mov.
- 19⁵⁶ Elected **deputy** of Sudan at the French National Assembly. Reaches vice-presidency.
- 1958 Becomes President of the Governing Council of French Sudan, preparing the ground for independence.
 - 1960 Mali gains its independence and Keit becomes the 1st President. He implementes a one-party socialist regime.
 - 1968 After drastic reforms, popular discontent led to a coup led by Colonel Moussa Traoré.

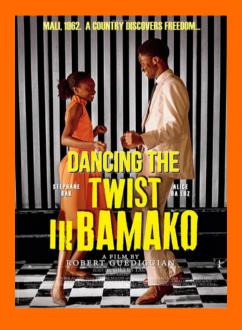


REFORMS

- 1. Nationalization of key sectors (banks, import-export companies... to reinforce state control over economy)
- 2. Agricultural cooperatives (collective exploitation).
- 3. Replacing the CFA franc with the Malian franc (1962-1983).
- 4. Land redistribution from large landowners to peasants.
- 1.US-RDA only legal party, aiming to unify the nation but limiting political freedom.
- 2. Power was centralized in the state, eliminating traditional authorities and empowering local revolutionary committees.
- 1. Neutral stance during the Cold War, avoiding alignment with the Western or Soviet blocs.
- 2. Promoted African unity and participated in establishing the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1963.

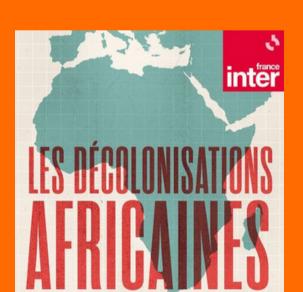
NURU RECOMMENDATIONS

To learn more about Modibo Keita and his history



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