



NURU PRESENTS

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.

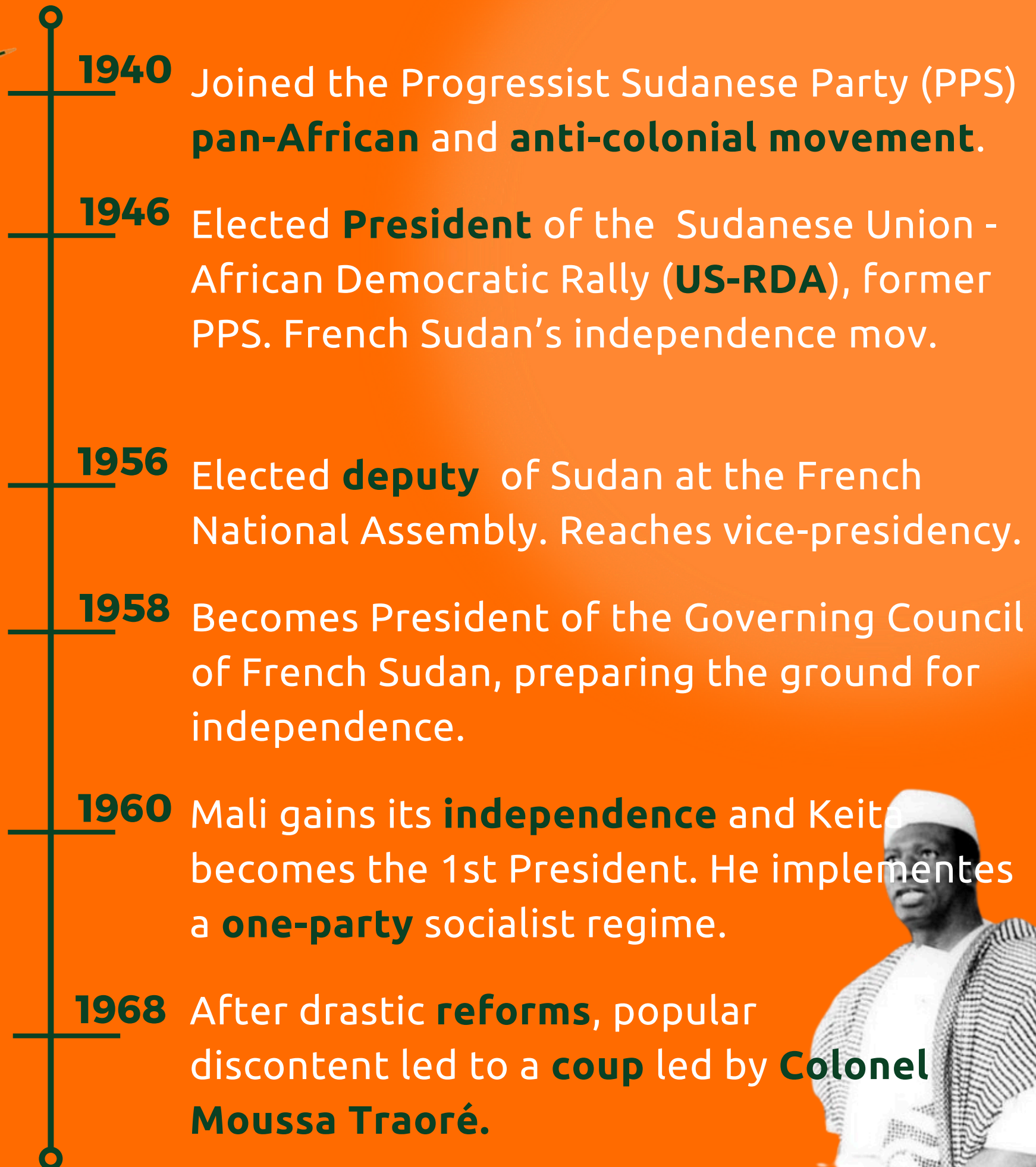


Mali Federation's flag

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**.



HIS CAREER





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.

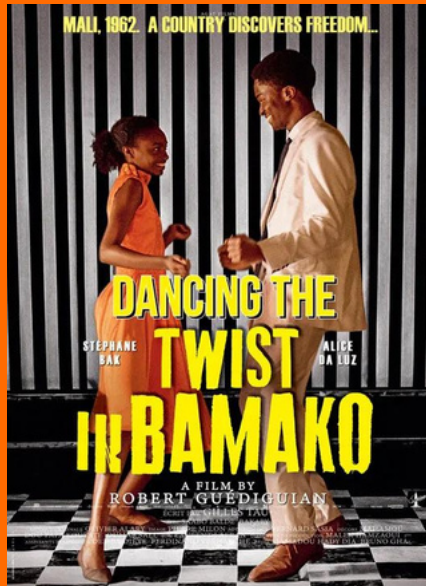


1. Neutral stance during the Cold War, avoiding alignment with the Western or Soviet blocs.
2. Promoted African unity and participated in establishing the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1963.



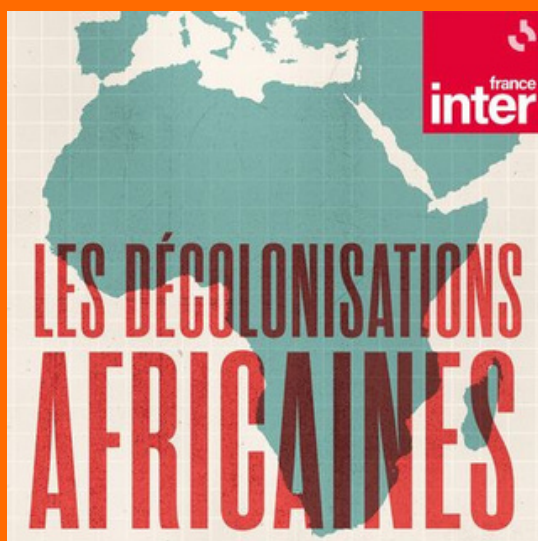
NURU RECOMMENDATIONS

To learn more about Modibo Keita and his history



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