

### Bendazzi Teaches English Class at Mali Presidency

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Bamako, Mali — (UPI) — "Good evening, my teacher," said President Modibo Keita of Mali.

"Good evening, my teacher," said Mrs. Keita. A roomful of fellow students, including several Malian cabinet ministers, addressed similar greetings to Alex Bendazzi of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The occasion was English class at the Malian presidency and Bendazzi was the teacher.

In Africa, where independence is flowering, some countries speak English, some French — depending on their colonial history. President Keita found it inconvenient to be fluent only in French.

For instance, when he met with Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah, they could communicate only through an interpreter.

So Keita decided to brush up on his English. He had learned some at school.

#### Contact Teacher

French-speaking Bendazzi, 33, an English teacher to foreign diplomats in Washington, D.C., was contacted by the United States Information Service and rushed from Washington on 10 days notice. A graduate of Queens college in New York and former social worker there, he had studied French at Paris' Sorbonne university.

"I drove a Jeep, all dressed in formal wear, up Kolouba hill and into the presidency," Bendazzi recalled.

"I entered by a side-door into the residence section. Class took place in a drawing-room, air-conditioned, with a long, rectangular table in the center. Three times a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. after dinner.

"The President came in with his wife, both in flowing native dress. They were always punctual. They told me 'good evening, my teacher,' and shook my hand. Then class began.

"We sat around the long table, about a dozen of us. The President and I sat opposite each other across the table at the end near the door. The President set a tape-recorder on the table between us.

#### Has Good Humor

"The President is an excellent teacher himself," said Bendazzi, "and he kept the class in good humor. Once in a while he would kid one of his ministers on a point of pronunciation.

"Mrs. Keita found the expression 'what about' very funny. It sounded like 'war-raba,' a Bambara word meaning lion."

Bendazzi said that for one class the President brought plates, knives, forks, spoons, tangerines, oranges, mangoes and bananas, and wanted to know the words for them in English.

"At the end of the class he gave me two tangerines, two oranges and two bananas," Bendazzi recalled.

"My class continued for three months, with some interruptions due to the President's state affairs. I used the dialogue approach with conversational English. I explained some points in French. I brought in some subjects from African life, and they liked it.

"The President was the keenest of them all," said Bendazzi. "He always came to class having studied the previous lesson at home. He felt pride in his progress."

Western diplomats in Bamako believe Keita can speak fair English. However, he rarely uses it in public for fear of making mistakes.

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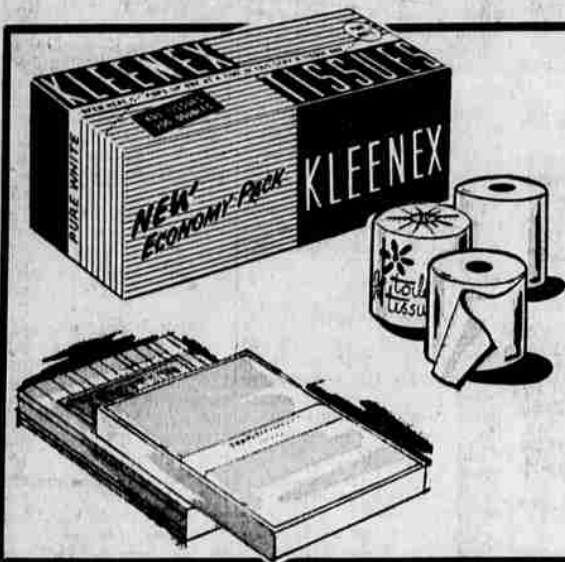
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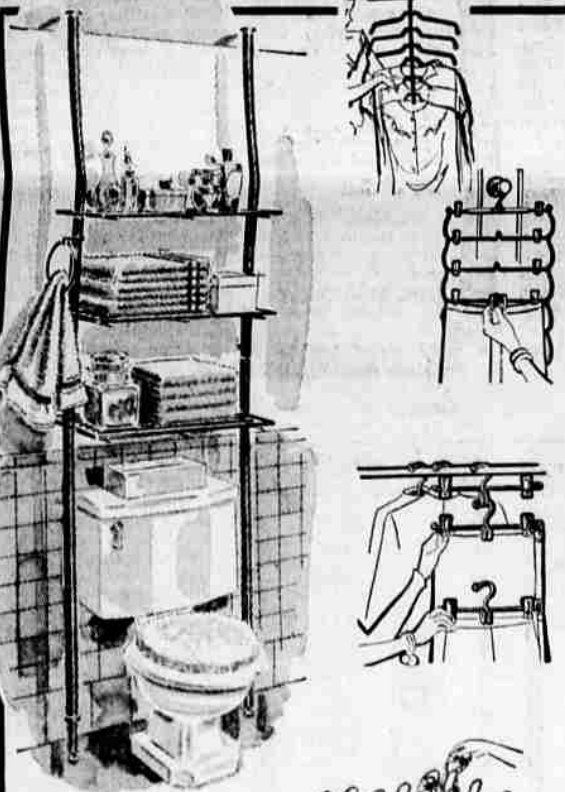
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