

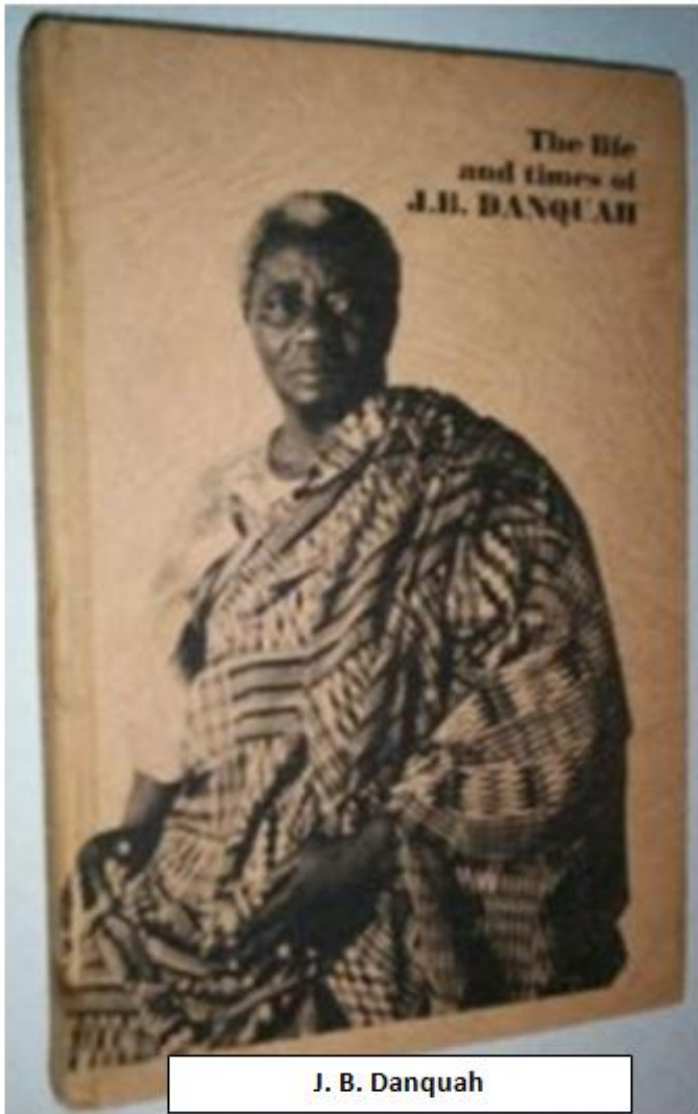
J. B. Danquah the Groomer & Inventor for Dummies!

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Chapter 1:

J. B. Danquah and his Detention in Worldly Context



Dear reader, no people in all of mankind's recorded and oral history ever united after independence through a National Liberation Movement (NLM)-United Party (UP)-Progress Party (PP)-New Patriotic Party (NPP)-confederation, let alone build a great civilization. It was not the case for ancient Egypt, not for Ghana Empire, not for Songhai Empire, nor was it the case for all the great civilizations of Mongolia and China that European Marco Polo marveled at during his travels in the mid-1200s.

Further, many of the greatest engineering and economic feats of mankind were invented and built through servitude, sometimes through part time conscription, most often through slavery, but all the time, of the conquered, or of fellow compatriots.


We are talking about Grand Canals, Harbors, Urban Squares, Dams, Cities, Highways, Road, Bridges, Libraries, the Pyramids, and yes, Universities, even.

Such it is, even in the case of Christopher Columbus's Old America of the late 1400s, and in the case of Abraham Lincoln's United States of America, in more recent historical annals. Those, dear reader, were "brutal" regimes and institutional arrangements of hyper-centralized direction. It was always about the city, change, adaptation, renewal, and degradation. And people died in the millions in the

aggregate constructing and supporting those facilities and institutions. Largely immutable records are available to today's privileged, including you who are reading this essay.


In Ghana, with second hand knowledge of those records by expatriates, Ghanaian workers, always free to work, constructed and built all the great infrastructure and institutions Kwame Nkrumah bequeathed to Ghana as the Chief Executive of Ghana, who, in many cases, commissioned them. Nkrumah was, after all, elected by the entire Nation of Ghana multiple times, while J. B. Danquah was not elected, not even once, by the entire Nation. And Ghana needed every bit of that infrastructure, and more.

In all those ancient and new civilizations built through servitude we spoke about, the royal-born, the privileged, and the cunning professional (lawyers and accountants, mostly), benefited greatly. As such, they generally never had any compelling reason to challenge the political system, speak truth to the power, or lead credible political struggles. Not with speed, and not by any means necessary. Thus, it was generally the outsiders who always "rocked the boat" for improvement in human conditions and freedom. Modern economic theory, now wayward and without balance or conscience in Europe, mostly, prove what we now state about the royal-born, the privileged, and the cunning professional.



The map shows the Grand Canal of China, a major waterway connecting the Yellow Sea and the Bohai Sea. The canal is highlighted in blue and runs from Beijing in the north to Hangzhou in the south. Major cities along the canal include Tianjin, Jinan, Nanjing, and Shanghai. The map also shows the Bohai Sea to the north and the Yellow Sea to the east.

THE GRAND CANAL
Left: Mongolia's Genghis Khan, responsible for an extension of the [Grand Canal](#), is often vilified for the brutal tactics used to expand his Mongol Empire. As one might imagine, the expanse of this empire did have a lasting impact. We agree!



Aerial view of the Grand Canal in Beijing, China, showing the canal flowing through the city and connecting to the Bohai Sea.

Above: Beijing, China – End of the World Famous Grand Canal, (US Library of Congress)

Such is the case of royal-privileged-born J. B. Danquah who, in the 1960s, was already deeply entrenched in the colonial urban and economic life of the Gold Coast as a lawyer. J. B. Danquah therefore had no compelling, altruistic motive to seek a radical change from "colonial masterdom" to "Sovereign Statedom" for the benefit of the average Ghanaian. No. But a confederation and pseudo-federal government, the records show, pretty well suited J. B. Danquah. Hence the sundry destructive energies and acts recorded in his solitary corner in the public annals, from Apedwa-Amantoo Miensa, to Kyebi, to Accra, to the United States Library of Congress, to Embassies of foreign countries, to University libraries, and all places in-between.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE 'BLACK BELT' OF THE SOUTH "...By 1860 some 4 million enslaved African Americans lived throughout the (American) South. Whether on a small farm or a large plantation, most enslaved people were agricultural laborers. They toiled literally from sunrise to sunset in the fields or at other jobs, such as refining sugar. Some bondspeople held specialized jobs as artisans, skilled laborers, or factory workers. A smaller number worked as cooks, butlers, or maids...During the...17th and 18th... centuries enslaved African Americans in the Upper South mostly raised tobacco...By the 1800s rice, sugar, and cotton became the South's leading cash crops...The patenting of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 made it possible for workers to gin—separate the seeds from the fiber—some 600 to 700 pounds daily, or ten times more cotton than permitted by hand. The Industrial Revolution, centered in Great Britain, quadrupled the demand for cotton, which soon became America's leading export. Planters' acute need for more cotton workers helped expand southern slavery. By the Civil War the South exported more than a million tons of cotton annually to textile manufactories in Great Britain and the North...An area still called the Black Belt, which stretched across Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, grew some 80 percent of the nation's crop....(then)...cotton expanded into the new states of Arkansas and Texas. In parts of the Black Belt enslaved African Americans made up more than three-fourths of the total population...". (Source: <http://www.nps.gov/nhl/learn/delta/underground/slave.htm>).

To use a tired old phrase, needless to say, when J.B. Danquah was plying his profession in colonial Ghana under the auspices of the masters, Grand Canals, Harbors, Urban Squares, Dams, Cities, Highways, Road, Bridges, Libraries, the Pyramids, and yes, Universities, even, had all been conceptualized and built in all those Great Civilizations. And in all the minor Civilizations such as existed in England where "royal" J. B. Danquah, supported by taxes levied on every Akyem Abuakwa native and their goat, was a student at some point in life, in the 1920s.

The records were, and are available on/in cloths, parchment papers, manuscripts, books, microfiche, vinyl records, tapes, DVDs, and now increasingly, digital internet-ready media on desktops, laptops, servers, and Clouds, as in Cloud Computing entities of all types. J. B. Danquah did not invent any of those ideas, facilities, or institutions.

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Not Legon!

Not Akosombo Dam!

Not Tema Harbor!

Not Bank of Ghana!

Not Ghana!

To say that J. B. Danquah invented and created all these things for Ghana is to say that Tetteh Quashie invented cocoa in Ghana. Or that your late grand-mother invented any number of your family rituals she educated your mother on, because, well, she was the first in the world, compared to your dear mother and you.

That, we submit, is patently pedestrian and moronic!

So, if we are to be charitable, J. B. Danquah simply borrowed some ideas from any number of existing privileged sources and floated them around on occasions, as the "Been-To" he represented himself to be (read the two so-called Danquah Prison Letters), but without properly attributing from whence he borrowed, even as the Danquah-Deathknell-Palanquin Supporting Sub-Prelates continue to do same, today. Worse, today, they edit and hide records in matters they claim are super-important where the history of Ghana is concerned.

And on the other side, Ghana-style, such is the case of Kwame Nkrumah, born without all the pretensions of an urbane Ofori Atta. Nkrumah was so deeply entrenched in the vision of many a Great African (Marcus Garvey, W. E. DuBois, etc.), that even before he could fully complete his self-sponsored education in the United States and England in the 1940s, he was invited to the Gold Coast to assist with the quest for independence and sovereignty. J. B. Danquah, the attorney, was the only principal member of the UGCC who did not contribute a single penny to fund Nkrumah's travel back to Ghana in 1947 to assist the UGCC in a project they were miserably failing at.

We'd expect that as an "outsider" and with the background of US history and politics and knowledge of African heroes and those from other regions of the world, that Nkrumah would see the independence and sovereignty project as a quest and struggle for the speediest results, with significant power at the center to counter all dis-orienting centrifugal forces. After all, political-economy teaches us

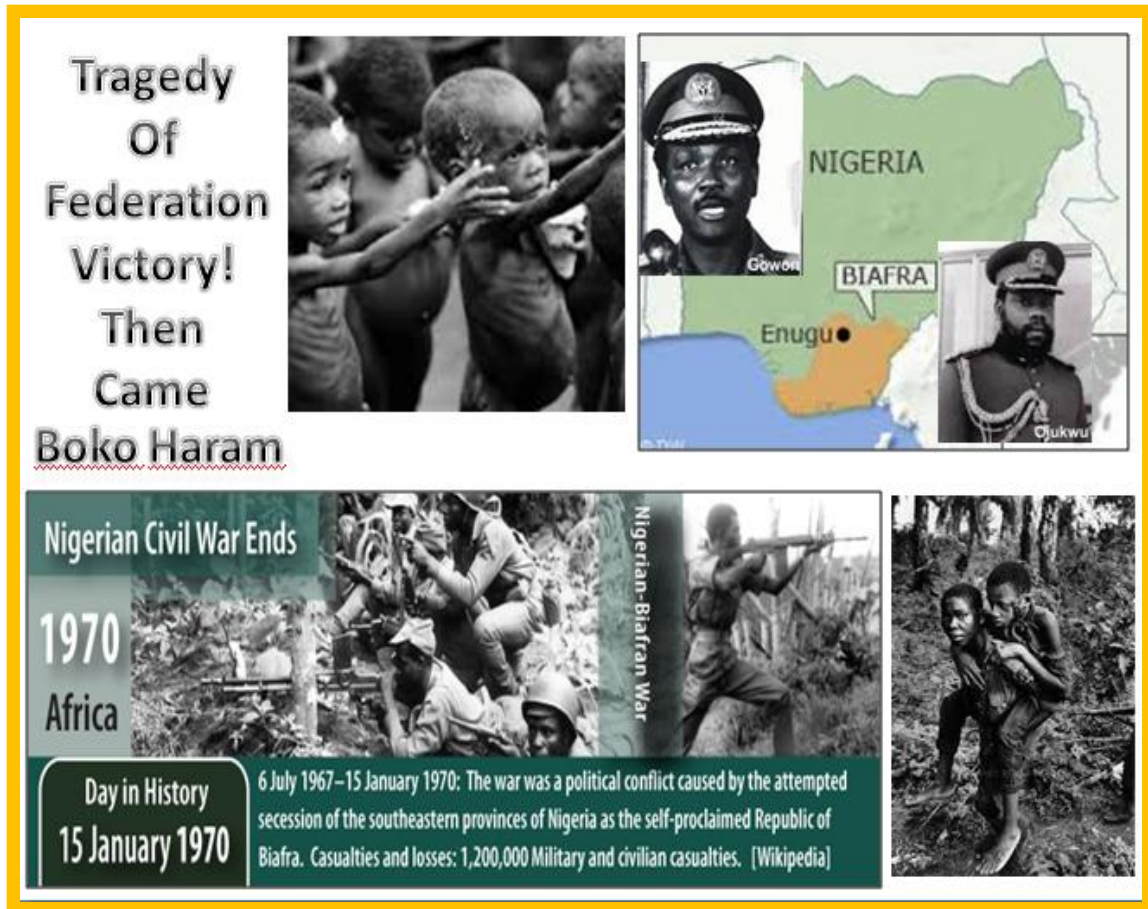
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Chapter 2:

Kwame Nkrumah Shut Down J. B. Danquah's 1,000 Chiefs Confederation for Unitary Ghana

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As well, dear reader, the history of Nigeria ought be instructive to all of us as things stand today. Having opted for a federal form of government for Nigeria in 1960, Nigerian (and Liberian) politicians would be at the forefront of the group that strongly resisted the United Africa vision of Nkrumah. Later, in 1967-1970, Nigeria, with its federal system, would be plunged into a civil war that resulted in nearly 2 million Nigerians dying from the war, many from war-related diseases and starvation.



Sadly, but perhaps not surprisingly, the Nigerian civil war was abetted in part by the subversive and deluded Ghana military junta that overthrew Nkrumah under the National Liberation Council (NLC) banner, a name that is in virtual sync with the National Liberation Movement (NLM) of Danquah-Busia. On many fronts, in Aburi Gardens, the NLC soldiers supported the idea of a Confederation of States for Nigeria a la Danquah-Busia, but in Murphy's Law Fashion, to little success and mighty great disaster for Nigerians.

Then, in our own life time, the Nigeria North/Boko Haram has struck, and the Nigerian federal government is noticeable by its absence. Absent, even as its now rejected Goodluck leader and sundry politicians in far-away Abuja preferred to acquire rights to billboards in Nkrumah's Ghana just so they could spread self-serving political messages, against the internal interests of Ghana, to the multitude of Nigerian students studying in peace in Nkrumah's Ghana.

Now, Nigeria has turned to an erstwhile military dictator, Buhari, who claims his is a re-born Nigerian democrat. We posit that these historic and contemporary difficulties in Nigeria, even with Nigeria's expansive size and population, is not entirely the result of geography. They are the consequences of unwise, deferred, arrested, political choices. They are precisely the kind Ghana escaped from through the tenacity of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, against the destructive and treasonous activities of J. B. Danquah and his Confederate Cohorts. By the same token, the strong, centralized national government of post-independent Ghana has proven to be precisely the kind necessary to significantly ameliorate the provincial powers of paramount chiefs, such as was wielded by the likes of Ofori Atta of Akyem Abuakwa, under master-sanctioned "indirect rule".

Again, J. B. Danquah did not contribute a single penny towards Nkrumah's return to Ghana from his studies overseas. And, when the Great People of Akyem Abuakwa, through their taxes and sweat, paid to gloom Barrister J. B. Danquah in England, J. B. Danquah, upon his return, simply neglected them, and they, him!

In that sense, we will even hazard that Nkrumah has saved millions of Ghanaian lives with the development projects that still serve Ghana all across the country. Kwame Nkrumah still continues to do so even after his own death, notwithstanding the detentions and imprisonment by his government of a small group we could count on our own two hands, detentions that lasted 24 months or less, and did not result in the execution of a single "subversive" individual.

Danquah, after all, died prematurely from temporary privilege-withdrawal syndrome (TPWS), abetted by self-induced temper tantrums, and high blood pressure. The death sadly occurred in a prison a lot better than what we now have in Nsawam, Kumasi, and in other sorrowful places, today.

Ask musician Kwaw Kese and Amnesty International, if you seriously care!

Then ask Cameron Duodo and the latter day "apologists" for J. B. Danquah why the NLM/UP/PP/NPP have, over many generations and all those years, have

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actually done and said precious little. They have said and done precious little about seriously improving conditions in Ghana's prisons, not even when they had power to direct effect progressive change. Are they truly serious about the "poor and prison conditions" under which J. B. Danquah died while at Nsawam, or are they merely into Wolfowitzian photo-ops at grave sides, as they utilize Ghana for their selfish and, for Africans, bizarre and hollow "property-owning democracy" mantra and purposes?

What, after all, is "groomer" J. B. Danquah's greatest legacy to Ghana, if we must be real? Is it not the proposition and fiendish, malevolent struggle for a 1,000 Chiefs' Confederation supervised by a select, aristocratic elite in as many feudal enclaves as J. B. Danquah might have cared to create, while he sat in Accra and hollered to Ghanaians through mouthpieces installed in Akyem Abuakwa, the capital he so wanted to create for Ghana?

Give us a break 21st Century-Style!

To the point, Nkrumah was far from being a "brutal dictator," unless you are totally absent-minded about the history of the World and of Africa, or, you are affiliated with that Danquah-Deathknell-Palanquin freelancer.

Or, you are one with the so-called Danquah Institute that in our own life's time had a chief who was an informant for the police of the expired colonial masters, in Brexit, London.

Or, maybe, you have absolutely no concept about what an operational definition for "brutal dictator" actually ought to look like - objectively, within reason, and measurable by serious people who do more than just talk and hurl invectives.

In short, if in 2016 you still think that Kwame Nkrumah was a brutal dictator, or that J. B. Danquah groomed Kwame Nkrumah, you are in all probability associated with, or related by blood to one individual, Ofori Atta, of that same Akyem Abuakwa (and J. B. Danquah).

We know that Ofori Atta was among the first to personally benefit from the advent of colonial masters in that part of Ghana, and was by reverse one of the first authorities to see their power, and those of their heirs, wane under the new UNITARY, national government proposed for Ghana by Nkrumah, post independence. Reminds us about the case of the Ibos of Nigeria, who, as a group swiftly accepted Christianity and colonial education, enjoyed so much benefit as a

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result, but later, primed by the self-centered interests of politicians and pompous soldiers trained by colonial masters, plunged Nigeria into that ugly and brutal civil war called "Biafra".

So, as we said the last time, Nkrumah's story tells both camps, so to speak, what is not acceptable for a sovereign, democratic State pushing for stronger, more resilient and vibrant nationhood. It is Unitary sovereignty, foremost, that allows the creation of conditions for a modicum of democratic dispensation, but always in coordination and sympathy with patriotic compatriots who are not persuaded to fund their lives with foreign resources under dark tables and street corners when they are recognized members of a political opposition.



Yes, sovereignty and patriotism!

And balance!

And respect for other peoples' opinions!

And a proper sense of the History of Man!

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In closing, let's all try to remember that in an increasingly Global Village and against the developmental challenges in Ghana/Africa, precisely the type Nkrumah tried to forestall, J. B. Danquah will only matter to a small clique in Ghana.

For, all will know that J. B. Danquah never invented all those things or groom anyone but himself. That J. B. Danquah will not matter globally, until Danquah-Deathknell-Palanquin Supporters find a humble Ghana-centered way to make his legacy relevant for the entire world.

Sadly, though, we see that they have not even begun to take the first humble and reasonable steps in that direction. Rather, they choose to be defined by the prison-death of a sub-par Show Boy, worshipping his dead spirit on his death day alone in their corner.

They've forgotten that it is the "Birth" that is for the Living, Human History, Heritage, and Posterity.

Therefore, if anyone thinks that Nkrumah was a brutal dictator, why do they allow Jerry Rawlings to comfortably perch in his abode in Accra, with all that "justice" blood on his hands, and the Indemnity Clause on his forehead and behind? This Indemnity Clause, we will remind you, could have been proscribed by some NPP-Danquah-Busia-Dombo confederates when they had all the chance, power, and privilege in the world to do so all of those 12 years, within our own life times!

What, we ask, is their pathetic and self-deluding excuse?

Now, the same "property-owning democrats" love Lee Kuan Yew for what he did for Singapore when Nkrumah bested Lee Kuan Yew, if they cared to compare apples-to-apples, year-by-year.

Nice try, Massa Cameron Duodu!

Nice try, Kwame Okoampa-Ahoofe. The only grooming credible is the one attached your name, from same Kwame Nkrumah CPP era!

Continue enjoying all those legendary benefits even as they continue to accrue to your next-of-kins and your sundry siblings!

Try harder, Wolfowitz-fellas!

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POSTSCRIPT ...EXTRA:

The reader should note that we purposely neglected to mention the evil and brutal regimes at bottom of many great wars and strives. These include the Nazi atrocities in Germany, Pol Pot's Death Camps in Cambodia, and Stalin's Labor and Death Camps in Russia, to name just a few near-contemporaries. Then, there is the case of "benevolent" Singapore, of Lee Kuan Yew, the one they love who imprisoned, bankrupted, and according to a Ghanaweb commentator, "squeezed the balls" of his opponents for nearly 2 generations and saw Singapore rise mightily - with one of the highest per capita incomes in the world today.

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