



## COUNTER-DISCOURSE IN WOLE SOYNIKA'S KONGI HARVERST: A POST- COLONIAL READING

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### ABSTRACT

Wole Soyinka was born in western Nigeria and soyinka is educated in England. then the Wole Soyinka is playwright and political activist. And the African to receive the nobel prize for literature. Wole Soyinka was finished his studies Government College in Ibadan. And wole Soyinka's famous works are Keffi's Brithday Treat, A Quality of Violence. Then his works also include poerty, novels. The Nigeria people are always keep hope to oba danlola. Because, he is always labor for the Nigeria country peoples and their happiness. Then oba danlola idea is the country people. which means, the people need to follow the old traditional and rules. And they have to developpe their country through the old traditional. The danlola idea was doen't follow the modernlist rules and ideas. And this drama talks about, how the presidents are developpeing their country according to the rules. then how the people are following the president rules in the country.

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The wole Soyinka starts with this drama Kongi. The kongi thought to be a president and he want to be rule the country of Nigeria. So, the kongi was planed which means the old traditional leaders want to be locked in the jail. And old leaders are oba danola, segi's father, kongi's wife and kongi's followers all will be locked in the jail. Then in the jail oba danlola was sang the song and he is blabbering about kongi. That means, now the kongi was start to rule the country, then he was new this country and he is a modernist. But the Nigeria's people have to believe the old tradition.

The counter-discourse which means, the Nigeria people are living according to the oba danlola's rules in the nigeira country. And the people always believing the oba danlola. Because, his doen't worrying about itself only oba danlola labored the peoples and he is expecting happiness from the peoples. Fot that he can developpeing the country more. And oba danlola doen't expecting the other country people to come the Nigeria country. Because, if they come we need to be the slaves for them.

So, danlola was thinking we need develop more our country for that he need the peoples support. Without their support the oba danlola can't develop the country with rules.

The kongi harvest frist directed by Ossie Davis and from that the wole Soyinka was written. Now the Nigeria country peoples idea was if the other country president to came inside and they can create new rules also we should follow the our old traditional in our country. And we have to full support for our country president. If we can follow their rules after that we will be the slaves for them and we will be lost oba danlola. So, in this drama peoples idea and their thoughts should be we should be follow the old traditional can't follow the modernist rules in our country.

In this Nigeria country was celebrating festival, the festival named called YAM. That means, the Nigeria country formers during the festival formers are bring the yam and keep that in front of president. After that, the king was select the best yam then he will give the best prize to the particular former. Here, in my point is the king was encouraging the people because during the festival he will select best yam and he will distribute best prize to that person. That will be good and recording this next time other peoples can hardwork more and we should also get this best prize through the president. Now the kongi thought the Nigeria people need to support to him for that he is distract the peoples mind and thoughts.

The segi, she is a bravest women and she can dance then she have the habit of drinks. The segi will be always with only womans. Now she is bar owner but segi's father in the jail now. Because the segi's father was the oba danlola's followers for that only her was in the jail. But once upon a time segi loved the kongi but not now. In segi and Daodu both will be dancing in the bar during the night time. But, unfortunately the kongi's secretary came there and he said to segi about her uncle oba danlola. He said oba danlola always giving tourchering to us, and he talk about yam festival. But the segi was doesn't listen anything. She is concentrate only on dance.

The kongi was gave full effort and put more hardwork to rule the Nigeria country. But, the Nigeria peoples are doesn't believe him. Because the kongi is a modernist. Now the people are standing around the kongi. After that, the people said to kongi we are going to celebrating the yam festival but before that we should reliese the oba danlola, segi's father and kongi's followers.

Suddenly the kongi said to the people " I LIKE THIS PLAN" and he will accept to the plan. Because,

"The kongi was modernist and president of isma,

Then he was new this Nigeria,

He want to be a president of Nigeria country,

And he thought to rule the Nigeria country."

He said during the festival day we shall reliese them. Here, in my point of view the kongi was telling without happiness. Which means he doesn't interested to reliese them, but the reason to accept that the Nigeria country want to be full of his control.

Then the kongi said to the people after relieing them we can give the yam to the oba danlola and he can present to me like a gift the kongi gave idea to them. The people also accepted. Through that the kongi was thought while he presenting a gift to me that will be the nigeria's country responsibility like that he imaged. So the kongi was in happy mind and thinking differently. But, unfortunately during the happy mood they got bad news. Which means, the segi's fathers was escaped in the jail and one person was attended suside then he was died. But that person name has not metion. We are plan to reliese them but before itself then escaped from the jail like kongi was thought in his mind. But recording to the plan kongi was reliesed them. After relieing them the kongi's followers and oba danlola went their home. And getting ready to the tomorrow's festival with their wives. They are showing their happiness to their wives.

The next day the yam festival has started and there the kongi, oba danlola, daodu, segi and secretary all will be there. And they all will be enjoying the moment. Now the secretary thought surely the oba danlola have some plan so, before he will exquite the plan we should give full of safety to the kongi. Because the secretary always faithfull to the kongi. Afterthat, the segi and daodu they both are dancing in the festival and at the same time all are enjoying the festival they will be in happy mood.

After the oba danlola was giving a speech on the stage, because,

“Oba banlola was old traditional leader,  
He was old president of Nigeria,  
He always love his country and his idea will be  
The people need to believe old traditional always.”

The oba danlola only going to receive the yam and he is going to present a gift to the kongi. Forthat before itself oba danlola giving speech to all. And during the speech, he said to all “I am a old tradition leader, so, if I can received the nigeria's country responsibility and I can give full effort and more hardwork forthat. While the oba dablola speech is going on but suddenly, the Gun sound can heard oba danlola and peoples. They all went and saw but there the segi's father was shooted himself and he was died. Then the news can come to know the kongi. Which means Segi's father was died and the segi also went to see her father.

The oba danlola was finished his speech and the kongi was waiting because to receive the yam to his hand. Now the segi was had one tradein her hand. Now she is going to give that trade to kongi and she said to him open the trade and see the gift to infront of the peoples. Then the kongi is opening the trade but inside there is no yam kongi was shocked. Inside the trade the segi's father head was there because of that only he was shocked and people are ran away from there.

“OH! MY GOD”

Suddenly the kongi thought, the people said to give me yam but in this trade head will be there. Now, the kongi's plan will be unsucces that means, he planed to rule the Nigeria country but that was failed. At the same time kongi was got fear on the stage. According to that, the kongi's plan will be

failure and kongi's followers are upset. Therefore, the Nigeria country peoples doesn't like kongi's rules and the people are seeing him like a hitter.

The critically our point of view from the beginning the kongi was had bad thoughts. He is new to nigeria's country and he is modernist but he need to rule the country forthat he was diviting peoples mind. "old is Gold" like that the old tradition leader is best to rule the country. Because, they can know how to rule the country and which way the problem can be come so, they only best to the country and to the peoples. Then the beginning the secretary also support to the kongi. But now the secretary can understand about kongi.

Now the secretary and oba danlola both are thought to go away from the niger's country as well as the boder. Afterthat the oba danlola was said, if we need to resistance of kongi we should need more people for resistance. Now they are eloped from the Nigeria's country. But the kongi was still continued the terrible of rule in the nigeria's country.

#### **CONCLUSION :**

The play was conclude the kongi harvest thought to the Nigeria country. For that he tried to distreat the peoples. But the doesn't accepted kongi was to be a president as well as his rules. Oba danlola need to be a president of Nigeria contry. But atlost the kongi only rule the country but the people doesn't follow the kongi rules. They are living according to the oba danlola's rules. But danlola was not there but his rules will be following whether danlola was not in the country.

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