Kodak Researcher Wins African Nation's Highest Civilian Honor

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— An Eastman Kodak Company researcher who spearheaded a highly productive sister city program linking Rochester and Bamako, the capital of Mali, has been awarded that country's highest civilian honor.

Dr. Walter Cooper, a technical staff associate in Kodak's Research Laboratories here, received the Chevalier De L'Ordre National or Knight of the National Order medal from the developing west African nation.

Receiving the medal was the high point of Cooper's recent trip to Bamako, the third he has made in the seven years that he has chaired the sister city program.

Cooper and his wife, Helen, who is also employed by Kodak, were given the red carpet treatment, including a 45-minute conference with Mali President Moussa Traore and a reunion luncheon held in their honor by 17 Malians who have traveled to Rochester since the pact was formalized in 1975.

The Coopers also were commended by Hilary J. Cunningham, the U.S. State Department's county officer for Mali.

"I believe the effort and expense voluntarily undertaken by private Americans such as you and Mrs. Cooper does incalculable good in bettering the image of the United States in the eyes of people who visit overseas," Cunningham said.

The fact that Cooper is employed by the largest photographic firm in the world did not go unnoticed in Mali. He carried a new Kodak disc camera with him and described its African introduction as "a big hit."

"There's a great interest in photography in Africa," Cooper said. "People who have an education recognize that tradition is fast disappearing and people know they must record. Of course, film is the best way to do that."

The Rochester-Bamako connection dates back to 1974 when Cooper was asked by the mayor to look into the possibilities of a sister city relationship between Rochester and an African city since Rochester's non-white population was growing rapidly.

Rochester had five other sister cities — Renne, France; Wurzburg, Germany; Cracow, Poland; Caltanissetta, Sicily and Rehovot, Israel. Basmako, Mali became the sixth in August of 1975.

Having observed the results of the program for seven years, U.S. Ambassador to Mali Parker Borg said, "The type of people-to-people exchanges carried out under the sister city program, and the small charitable or technical assistance projects carried out with a minimum of overhead, are tremendously effective in generating good feelings toward Rochester and the United States as a whole."

Located in western Africa, Mali is bounded on the north by Algeria, on the east by the Niger Republic, on the west by Senegal and Guinea and on the south by Upper Volta and the Ivory Coast. The tropical country covers 465,000 square miles and is in the same time zone as Greenwich, five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

Primarily Moslem with a population of nearly seven million, the country depends predominantly on agriculture, but there is some fishing and a growing interest in mining. Mali's most famous tourist attraction is the mysterious city of Timbuktu, which was an important center of caravan trade between northern and southern Africa from the 11th to the 16th century. Diamonds and gold were carried north through the city and salt and incense were carried south.

From his hotel window in Bamako, Cooper could see women panning for gold and on closer inspection, saw nuggets taken from the stream bed. Since Mali is land-locked, it has been difficult in the past to exploit these precious minerals, but this is changing, especially since the discovery of uranium, oil and bauxite in recent years, Cooper said.

The fact that the River Niger runs through Bamako was an important factor in selecting it as Rochester's sister city. The lay of the land as well as similarities in people are factors that Cooper and his fellow committee members tried to match up.

"The sister city program began in the United States in 1957, when President Eisenhower decided that the business of foreign policy was too important to be left in the hands of the diplomats only," Cooper said. "So he inaugurated a people's program, initially run by the League of Cities and later by Sister Cities International, based in Washington, D.C."

The mayor of Bamako gave the citizens of Rochester a collection of Malian art, including traditional musical instruments and masks from some of Mali's tribes: the Bambara, the Dogon, the Bobo and the Fulani. Bambara seems to be the common

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7	00	CBS News	NBC News	M.A.S.H.	MacNeil/	Welcomeback	Good Times	Green	Joker's
	15	"	"	"	Lehrer	Kotter	"	Acres	Wild
	30	P.M.	Family	Jeffersons	This Old	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Feud	"	House	"	Magazine	Braves	Dough
8	00	Universe	Father	Universe	Danger UXB	Incredible	Happy Days	"	Happy Days
	15	"	Murphy	"	"	Hulk	"	"	"
	30	The Two Of	"	The Two Of	"	"	Laverne &	"	Laverne &
	45	Us	"	Us	"	"	Shirley	"	Shirley
9	00	CBS Movie:	Bret	CBS Movie:	Mystery!	Merv Griffin	Three's	"	Three's
	15	"Solitary	Maverick	"Solitary	"	"	Company	"	Company
	30	Man"	"	Man"	"	"	Too Close	"	Too Close
	45	"	"	"	"	"	For Comfort	"	For Comfort
10	00	"	McClain's	"	Tinker,	News	Hart To Hart	"	Hart To Hart
	15	"	Law	"	Tailor,	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	Soldier,	"	"	TBS News	"
	45	"	"	"	Spy	"	"	"	"
11	00	News	Benny Hill	News	Alfred	M.A.S.H.	News	"	News
	15	"	"	"	Hithcock	"	"	"	"
	30	Alice	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	Dave Allen	Odd Couple	Nightline	All In The	Nightline
	45	"	"	"	At Large	"	"	Family	"
12	00	McCloud	"	Rockford		Perry Mason	Fantasy	Atlanta	Fantasy
	15	"	"	Files		"	Island	Braves	Island
	30	"	David	"		"	"	Replay	"
	45	"	Letterman	"		"	"	"	"

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	15	"	"	"	Lehrer	Kotter	"	Acres	Wild
	30	P.M.	Family	Jeffersons	Last Chance	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Feud	"	Garage	"	Magazine	Braves	Dough
8	00	Mr. Merlin	Real	Mr. Merlin	Marcel	Incredible	Greatest	"	Greatest
	15	"	People	"	Marceau	Hulk	American	"	American
	30	"	"	"	"	"	Hero	"	Hero
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	00	CBS Movie:	Facts Of	CBS Movie:	Evening At	Merv Griffin	The Fall	"	The Fall
	15	"Thin	Life	"Thin	Symphony	"	Guy	"	Guy
	30	Ice"	Love	Ice"	Special:	"	"	"	"
	45	"	Sidney	"	"	"	"	"	"
10	00	"	Quincy	"	"	News	Dynasty	"	Dynasty
	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	"	"	"	TBS News	"
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11	00	News 2	Benny Hill	News	Alfred	M.A.S.H.	News	"	News
	15	"	"	"	Hitchcock	"	"	"	"
	30	Late Movie:	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	Dave Allen	Odd Couple	Nightline	All In The	Nightline
	45	"	"	"	At Large	"	"	Family	"
12	00	"	"	Rockford		Perry Mason	Love Boat	Atlanta	Love Boat
	15	"	"	Files		"	"	Braves	"
	30	"	David	"		"	"	Replay	"
	45	"	Letterman	"		"	"	"	"

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	45	Magazine	Feud	"	Journal	"	Magazine	Griffith	Dough
8	00	Magnum,PI	Fame	Magnum,PI	Fight	Metromedia:	Mork &	TBS Movie:	Mork &
	15	"	"	"	Slavery	"	Mindy	"	Mindy
	30	"	"	"	"	"	Bosum	"	Bosum
	45	"	"	"	"	"	Buddies	"	Buddies
9	00	Simon &	Diff'rent	Simon &	Sneak	"	Barney	"	Barney
	15	Simon	Strokes	Simon	Previews	"	Miller	"	Miller
	30	"	High	"	HitchHiker	"	"	"	"
	45	"	Five	"	Guide	"	"	"	"
10	00	Knot's	Hill Street	Knot's	Austin City	News	20/20	TBS News	20/20
	15	Landing	Blues	Landing	Limits	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11	00	News 2	Benny Hill	News	Alfred	M.A.S.H.	News	All In The	News
	15	"	"	"	Hitchcock	"	"	Family	"
	30	Quincy	Tonight	M.A.S.H.	Dave Allen	Odd Couple	Viewpoint	TBS Theatre:	Viewpoint
	45	"	"	"	At Large	"	"	"	"
12	00	"	"	Rockford		Perry Mason	"	"	"
	15	"	"	Files		"	"	"	"
	30	McMillan &	David	"		"	"	"	"
	45	Wife"	Letterman	"		"	"	"	"