

West Africans Want To Make Like Cowboys

William Bradford Dillingham, a young man of enterprising and adventuresome nature, is currently on a tour of Africa that will take him into some of the fabulous and romantic spots of the "Dark Continent." Dillingham is financing his junket by writing a column for sale to the American press which is to appear each week in this paper. Most of us at one time in our development wanted to go "off to Africa" and do just what Dillingham is doing but we lacked his nerve, so now we can read what it is like.

Gambia, British West Africa (by William B. Dillingham)
Gambia has gone cowboy-crazy. The natives here no longer want to be great hunters,

proud chiefs or spear-bearing warriors. They want to be cowboys, American style.

Enough Hollywood films have been shown here in the native theaters to incite quite an enthusiasm for our western shoot-in-tootin' prairie dogs. A good number of Gambia's self-styled cowboys wear star badges with "Texas" and "Sheriff" stamped in.

It is quite common to meet one of these Africans walking down a path wearing a "six-gallon" red Stetson hat with a wooden pistol at his side.

Recently the cowboy rage got out of hand and the police had to enforce a little control. Gangs of natives wearing their badges and wooden pistols (lacking only the horses) began to attack in-

nocent "dudes" with some surprise train-robbler tactics. If a native didn't belong to a cowboy gang or if he were not one of the boys from a neighboring "ranch" he was certainly taking a chance walking on the path alone.

Victims had been tied up and left exposed to animals in the jungle, others had been beaten and some had even been "lynched"—or just short of the real thing.

Although this is not the only product of Hollywood that the Gambian natives take an interest in, it is certainly most unique. Many of the women here have bought wigs by mail order from England because they are fond of long hair.

White face powder is also very popular, but probably not as much as purple lipstick. A good number of the men here, incidentally, being unaware of the implications, wear red nail polish. This includes cowpunchers and dudes, alike.

These cowboy enthusiasts, surprisingly enough, are all adult males—some 40 and 50 years old. When a Western film reaches Gambia, cowboys from villages near and far filter in and jump around with glee watching gun battles and horse play.

To put it in the words of one native, long a student of Western movies: "If you ain't a cowboy in this territory, you don't stand a lame coyote's chance after dark."

When it was discovered that many of these cowboys work for British companies, the police asked the local English residents to cooperate in suppressing the more wild aspects of the cowboy rage. A native could be fired from his job if the English boss suspected him of belonging to a gang that terrorized the neighborhood. But because many of these cowboys intimidated the native officials, also, it wasn't always an easy matter to get rid of somebody with the cowboy craze.

More than once an English boss would fire a man and see the same face, or what LOOKED LIKE the same face, the next day on the job.

"Isn't that Mamadoo who I fired yesterday?" might say the English chief to his native employment manager.

"No sir," would come the answer. "That's Fullado. He just looks a little like Mamadoo."

And so the Englishman would just grumble a bit and squint his eye at the old familiar face suspiciously.

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Keneth F. Andrews

vs.
Amella Bergant Andrews
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