

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1957



MRS. FLORENCE MANLEY PICTURED IN ACCRA YESTERDAY WITH HER DAUGHTER, CHRISTINE.

P.M. washed the dishes for her

AMONG the personal guests the Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, invited to the Independence Celebrations, was a British housewife who was his landlady during his student days in London.

She is Mrs. Florence Manley of Tufnell Park, North-West London, who has arrived in Accra with her daughter, Christine.

Their 3,000-mile air trip from London to Accra was paid for by Dr. Nkrumah in appreciation of hospitality to him by the landlady.

The Prime Minister has already acknowledged Mrs. Manley's contributions to his stay in London.

In his book - "Ghana" - published recently, Dr. Nkrumah described Mrs. Manley as "a young woman who enquired very civilly what we wanted" when he called at her house for accom-

modation.

Room without meals

"I was taken in to see a little room of about 10 feet square which I was told could be mine for thirty-shillings a week without meals.

"And this little room became my home the whole of my stay in London from June 1945 to November 1947.

"The family proved extremely kind and took great interest in my well-being. I was very rarely in before midnight as I used to work late.

"But whatever time I came in I always knew that I would find something to eat left for me in the oven. In return for all their kindness I insisted that my landlady leave all the dirty dishes for me to wash. This I did regularly before I went to bed."

Tomorrow is 21st September. The day Ghana, and the world remember and celebrate the man – KWAME NKRUMAH. Thus, here's a story of Ghana's first President. One story pregnant with many life lessons for all; originally published by Daily Graphic on Saturday 9th March 1957:

In the run-up to 6th March 1957 were invitations to some key individuals from around the world to the Gold Coast. "Among the personal guests the Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, invited to the Independence Celebrations, was a British housewife who was his landlady during his student days in London.