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n.
A rumbalike West African dance music originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

[Perhaps (via Lingala) from French *secouer*, to shake, from Old French *secourre*, from Latin *succutere*, to jolt : *sub-*, *sub-* + *quater*, to shake; see **kwēt-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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