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services, among other areas.

They were all assigned and stationed at the central office of the Ministry of Education. But yesterday's retirement ceremony was held at the Ministry's 19th Street offices.

Some of the retirees interviewed by the Daily Observer said they could not understand why the Ministry decided to retire them.

The ceremony was climaxed with presentation of certificates to each of the retirees.

In her statement of appreciation to the retirees for their "long and dedicated services," Education Minister Etmonia David Tarpeh guaranteed that the Ministry

is why we are not telling you goodbye," Minister Tarpeh reminded the retired personnel.

She informed them that they were rather leaving to make space for others, but called on them to avail themselves whenever the incoming employees should need their services.

Also speaking at the event was former Education Minister, Dr. Joseph D.Z. Korto. For his part, Dr. Korto urged the retirees to consider the retirement exercise as a joyful occasion, "because one is retired from a place of long service to continue life with a different meaning."

For her part, Civil Service

#### **Minister Tarpeh addressing the retirees**

Agency deputy director, Puchu L. Bernard, said her Agency recognized each of the retired employees' "invaluable contributions" made to the Ministry and to the country during their years of service.

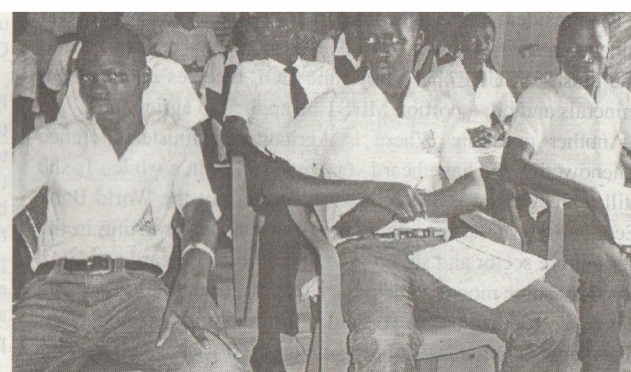
A representative of the retirees pledged the all-time availability of their expertise, which he believes is still valuable.

"Our services," he said, "have left indelible marks at the Ministry. Some of us will be around to provide the needed expertise, no matter what."

The executive director for the Movement of Responsible Citizenship (MOREC) has stressed the importance for students to be inclusive in national decision-making.

The group also wants students to dialogue with stakeholders on relevant national issues.

G. Ralph Jimmeh, Jr. recently told a gathering of secondary school students that it is extremely important for them to see themselves as part of the country's decision-makers because they are the country's next generation of



**Cross-section of students at the YMCA auditorium in Monrovia**

leaders.

According to him, students would only be able to engage stakeholders on critical national issues from an

informed standpoint once they are allowed to participate in the formulation of those decisions that affect every citizen, including the students themselves.

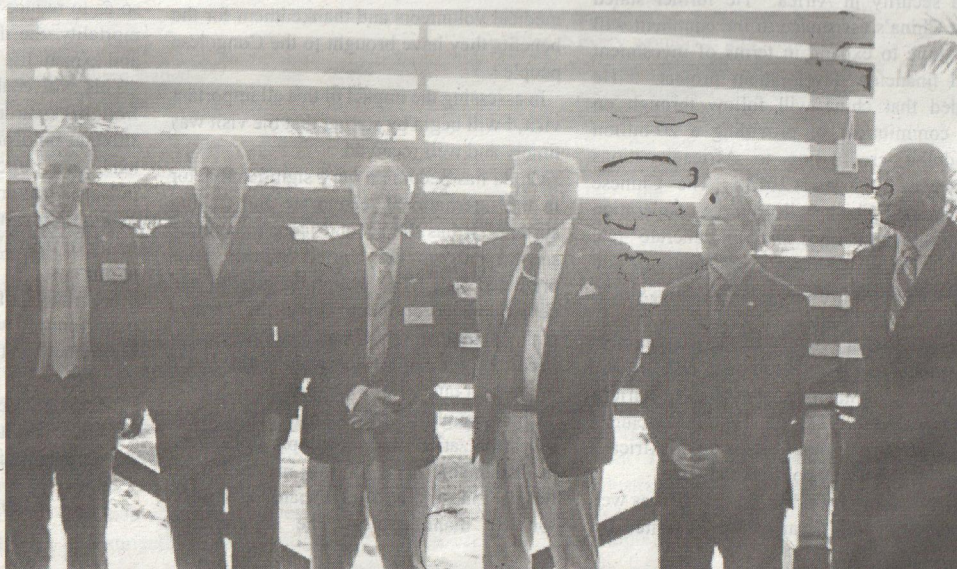
## **European Investors Pleased with Liberia's Economic Prospects**

*By William Q. Harmon*

A delegation of German investors currently assessing Liberia's economic prospects has said it is impressed with what it has discovered thus far.

According to the German investors, the possibility of Liberia becoming an economic hub in the West African region cannot be overemphasized. They said this is possible due to the enormous investment opportunities and possibilities that are currently presenting themselves across the country.

But they stressed the need for Liberia to be and remain



**Amb. Schaff (3rd from right) with Mr. Michael on his immediate left posing with other members of the delegation**

a stable society to encourage and attract more investors into the country.

The German delegation is part of a team of European investors from France, Switzerland and Germany on a three-day investment assessment tour of Liberia.

They arrived in the country the earlier this week and have held meetings with government ministries and agencies and other relevant stakeholders in the various sectors of the country's economy, exploring investment possibilities.

They are most interested in these areas: Road construction and maintenance, the housing sector and technology.

Speaking to reporters in

Monrovia yesterday, the head of the delegation, Koesch Michael, said the delegation arrived with a proposal to be part of the transformation of Liberia's economy.

They were so far impressed with what they had seen, he said. According to him, Liberia is an ideal place for long-term investments and as such, the delegation has expressed great interest in investing in the country.

Also speaking was the German ambassador accredited near Monrovia, Bodo Schaff. He said the German investors will not only be coming to Liberia to invest. They would be adding value to the lives of Liberians.