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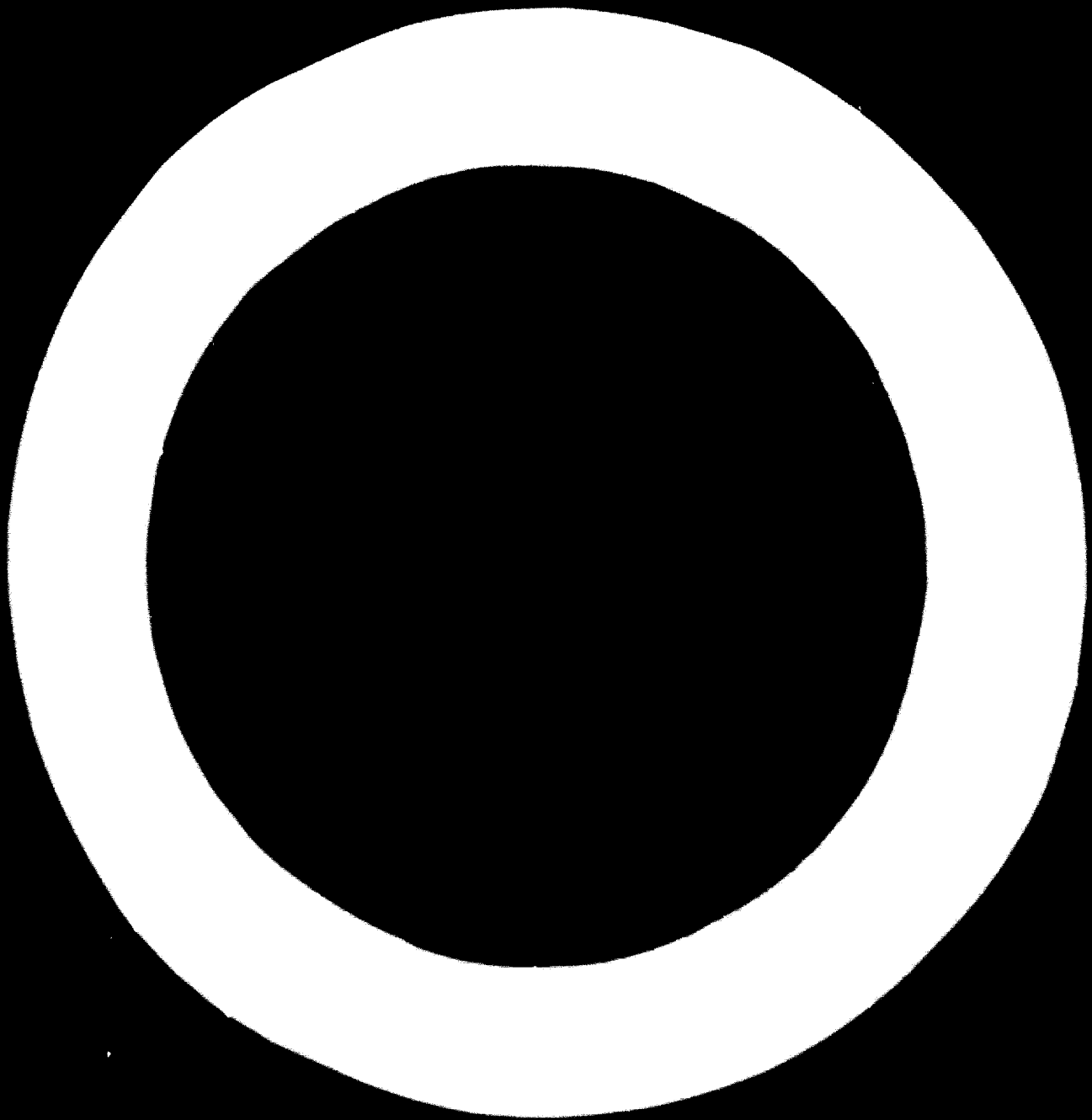
COUNTRY REPORT OF LIBERIA^{1/}

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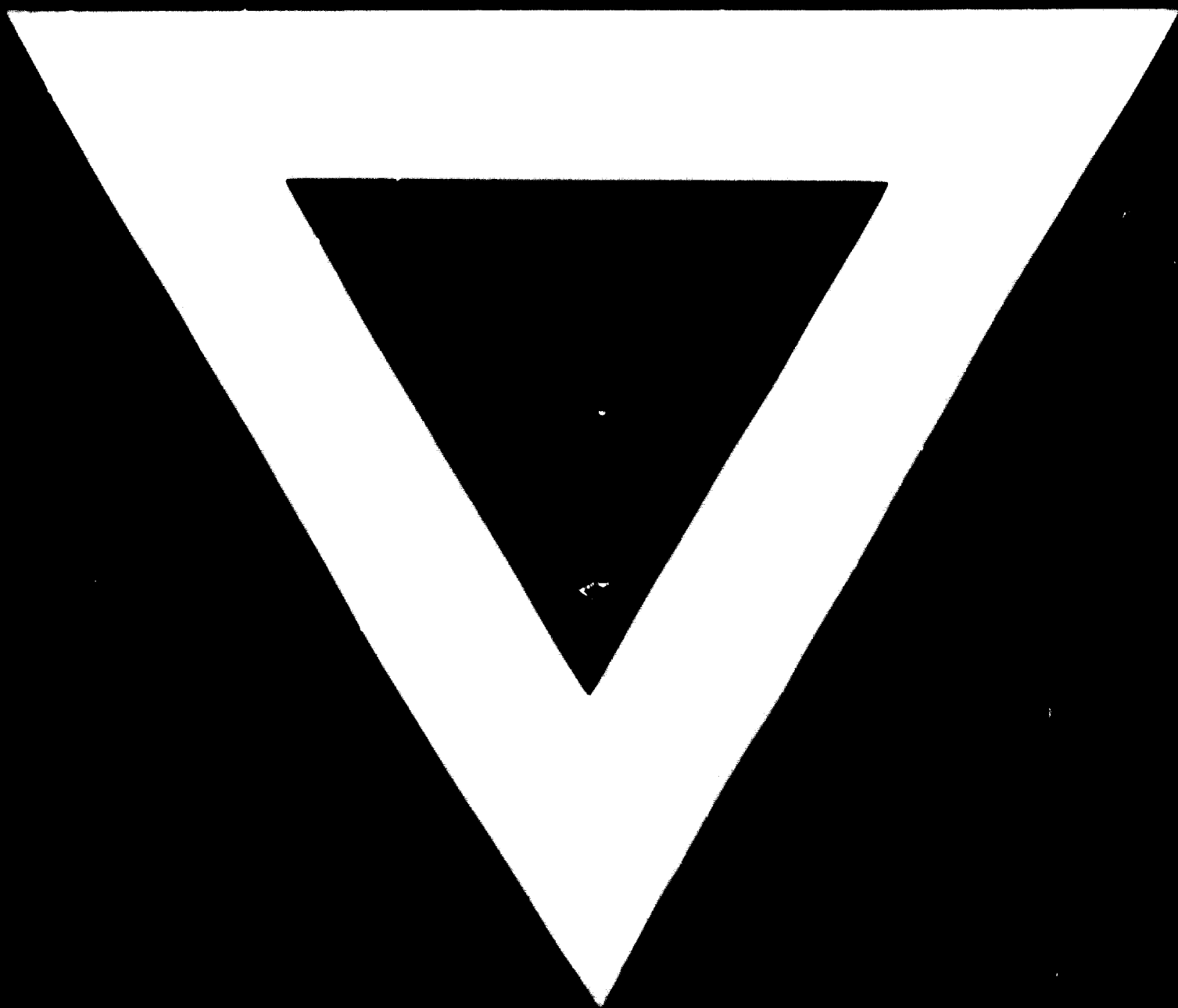


The status of industrial information in Liberia was presented to the Seminar by Mr. Torbor from the Liberian Development Corporation. He told the seminar that the purpose of the corporation is to promote industry. In Liberia, industrial information should be obtained from ministries concerned with commerce and industry. However, this is often very difficult. The availability of that information is scarce.

- Problems:
- 1) The organization of an efficient industrial information is an expensive affair. It needs special set ups and this needs a lot of money. This money is lacking.
 - 2) There is no specialized manpower, i.e. industrial information officers
 - 3) There are no facilities yet to train the required manpower.
 - 4) There is no inter-African co-operation in the exchange of industrial information.
 - 5) Industrial activities are conducted by foreigners whose willingness in making industrial information available is almost nil.
 - 6) Local entrepreneurship is limited by:
 - a) Perhaps lack of interest
 - b) Lack of the technical know how
 - c) Lack of capital.

Needs: There is dire need to rectify the above problems. Most urgently, there is need to:

- (a) train local industrial information officers
- (b) obtain funds for an industrial information system to be set up systematically
- (c) encourage greater information exchange between African countries.



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