

Journalists, Film Directors And Actors In Berlin For Film Festival

BERLIN.—Berlin is at fever pitch as journalists, film directors and stars arrive for the seventh International Film Festival. With films entered from all nations, the all-African film "Freedom" has clearly become the most talked-of film in the city. Eight newspapers have carried feature articles on "Freedom" and the arrival in Berlin of the Nigerian rulers and others who take part in the film.

"The high point of the Film Festival: the stars from Nigeria are here," writes the "Berliner Morgenpost", Berlin's largest morning paper. The President of the German Parliament, Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, who is also President of the German-Africa Society, welcomed the guests and actors from Africa, among whom was Dr. William Nkomo of Pretoria.

Herr W. Brandt, President of the Berlin Parliament, in a press conference told the African leaders, "Freedom" is not only an important contribution to the Berlin Film Festival, but also to the solution of the important problems which have to be solved in the world."

As Herr Brandt spoke, the rubble and ruins of once fine buildings held people to the stark reality that Berlin, a divided city, is at the heart of a divided nation and world. "Freedom is the goal to work for," Herr Brandt concluded. "It is the lesson you will give us with the film you have brought." —S15.