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MRA visitor puts race challenge

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RHODESIA faces a challenge to show the world a multiracial pattern of society, says Mr George Richards, a Norwich dentist who is on a two-week visit here, a trip caused directly by Moral Re-Armament.

Mr Richards is a member of Norwich City Council, and was Sheriff of Norwich two years ago. He served with the Royal Air Force in Gwelo in 1949, and says he finds Rhodesia "as beautiful as ever".

For his wife, a medical practitioner in community health, who is with him, it is a first visit to Africa.

The couple have been involved with Moral Re-Armament for 15 years, and on a trip to Switzerland with the movement last year they met Mr Alec Smith, son of the Prime Minister, and the Rev. Arthur Kanoderaka, Superintendent of the Harari Methodist Circuit.

Mr Kanoderaka told them of the great bitterness he had felt towards the white man in Rhodesia, and how a film called Belfast Report, made by MRA, had helped him see that problems can be ideological rather than racial.

Mr and Mrs Richards believe that Britain and Rhodesia have many similar problems, because of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Mr Richards, who hopes to meet civic leaders while he is here, says that there is a close bond between

the people of the two countries, and many people there would like to help Rhodesia.

He says MRA gave him a new outlook on life, and after his meeting with Mr and Mrs Kanoderaka, he decided to visit Rhodesia in return for the enjoyable time the country gave him 27 years ago.

"It is not a one-way traffic of ideas," he said. "We hope to tell people in Britain all about Rhodesia when we get back."

The couple will visit Gwelo, Bulawayo and Victoria Falls before flying to South Africa for three weeks.

Dr Richards hopes to visit Harari Hospital while she is in Salisbury.