



Mr. Richards and his wife with a Bulawayo plaque which will be presented to the Mayor of Norwich.

## COUPLE END RHODESIAN VISIT TO BOOST MRA

**A** FORMER Sheriff of Norwich in England, Mr. George Richards, and his wife Molly, have just finished a two-week visit to Rhodesia on behalf of the Moral Re-Armament movement.

They have met civic leaders in Salisbury, Bulawayo and Gwelo, spoken to leading members of the ANC, businessmen and ministers, and were involved in a multiracial service at Harari Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Mr. Richards, whose wife is a doctor, was in Rhodesia in 1949 and 1950 as a National Service dental officer with the RAF stationed at Kumalo and later Thornhill.

He said: "I went with my wife to the MRA centre in Switzerland in 1959.

"I began applying MRA in my personal life, and then my community. So I stood for the City Council of Norwich."

### HONORARY

It was Mr. Richards' work on the council that led to his appointment as Sheriff which, he explained, is largely an honorary office.

He continued: "We were on a civic delegation to the MRA centre at Caux when we met a Rhodesian delegation. It was through this meeting that I realised I wanted to come back to Rhodesia.

"We told them that we were interested in coming and such people as Alex Smith invited us to come."

Alex is the son of the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith.

Mr. Richards continued: "We got in touch with one or two people who knew about Rhodesia, including Mr. Eldon Griffiths who is an MP in Norfolk and who was in Rhodesia recently.

"They advised us of the best people to meet and talk to."

### DIVISIONS

His wife said that her parents knew Dr. Frank Buchman, the founder of the movement, but it was only after a personal problem that she became fully involved.

She said: "Ideology uses divisions among people. The class war in Britain is being used ideologically, and the question of the nationalism in Scotland and Wales is being exploited.

"The same thing is happening in Rhodesia on a racial basis."

Mr. Richards said: "I feel that MRA enables people to fulfil their potential.

"Rhodesia has a role to play in the world by showing that a multi-racial society can actually work. It is not too late—miracles can happen in people's hearts." — Sunday News Reporter.