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MR ALEC SMITH and his bride, Elisabeth, pose for photographs outside Frogner Church in Oslo yesterday.

Alec Smith wed in Oslo

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MR ALEC SMITH (30), son of the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr Ian Smith, was married yesterday to Norwegian Miss Elisabeth Risum Knudsen (29), at the fashionable Frogner Church here.

The newly-weds, he in a chalk-striped suit and she in a long white wedding dress with pleated skirt which she had made herself, stopped briefly for photographs on the church steps after the ceremony and then went to a reception next door.

"All the family is delighted . . . we have all taken Elisabeth to our hearts," Mrs Joan McIvor, sister of Mr Ian Smith, said after the wedding. Mrs McIvor lives in Britain.

The bridegroom's par-

ents were not at the wedding. They would not have been allowed into Norway on Rhodesian passports, according to the Foreign Ministry here.

Apart from Mr Alec Smith's aunt, only his sister, Mrs Jean Tholet, and her husband, Clem, were present. Mr Tholet was best man.

Friends from the Moral Re-armament Movement gave a reception at its Norwegian centre next to the church.

Elisabeth's grandfather, Mr Annan Knudsen (92), gave a dinner at his home for 18 close friends and relatives.

The bride's family tried for a long time to keep the ceremony secret from the Press, fearing demonstrations against Zimbabwe Rhodesia but there were no incidents. The newly-weds are going on a honeymoon in Norway and Switzerland before settling in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, reports Iana-Reuter.

A Sunday Mail correspondent reports that the ceremony and reception were conducted in an atmosphere of calm routine and any complaints could only concern acoustics inside the church.

About 100 guests from Scandinavia, Britain,

Switzerland, Greece, Australia and Zimbabwe Rhodesia gathered at the church in a central thoroughfare flanked by chestnut trees.

Only few members of the Norwegian and overseas Press who located the venue were present. Mr Tholet cheerfully rejected the rumour that "Rhodesians were not allowed to talk to the Press."

Officially, Zimbabwe Rhodesians are banned from Norway, according to a law of 1969. But they are usually permitted entry to attend funerals.

Mr Alex Smith had a British passport, but he could have entered with Zimbabwe Rhodesian credentials, said an official of the Norwegian Foreign Affairs department . . . "marriage is a good enough reason to allow Rhodesians into Norway".

Sadly, this Zimbabwe Rhodesian "infiltration" has been distorted by some newspapers. The generally reliable Syd Svenska Dagbladt of Sweden, for instance, assumed Mr Smith would make use of his visit to defend the new government in his country.

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