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IAN SMITH'S SON SAYS: TALK TO MILITANTS TOO

THE only realistic approach to Rhodesia's problem was to include all ANC factions in talks with the Government, Mr Alec Smith, son of the Rhodesian Prime Minister, said in Pietermaritzburg yesterday.

Speaking at a Rotary East luncheon, Mr Smith said the solution lay in abandoning political games and adopting personal attitudes "to remake the world into what we all want it to be and what it should be."

Most people seemed to think the current talks with the moderate Nkomo faction would culminate in an answer, but this was not the case, he said.

Militant factions could and should be included. Mr Smith, who is visiting Pletermaritzburg during a three-week Moral Rearmament tour of South Africa, said hate and fear were at the root of the struggle between White Rhodesia and Black nationalism.

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The Black man hated the White for various reasons and the White man feared the Black for his hate.

"There seems to be no way of ending it — hate generates hate. But if hate can be answered, then we do have an answer — and

only then," said Mr Smith.

"The greatest service any citizen of this part of the world can give is to so live his life that the people around him change and join him in the battle to remake the world into what we all want it to be and what it should be."

He said communism was an enemy of all, but to be anti-communist was not enough.

"You cannot keep them out with walls and bridges. You have to give them a better idea.

"Adolf Hitler, the greatest anti-communist in history, succeeded only in spreading communism over three-quarters of Europe.

"One has to give them something else, something positive," he said.

"Let them look at us and see a better way of life, so that they give up their own and come to join us. That is the only way to successfully oppose them."