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Guess who ate at the Smiths

LONDON. — Mr Alec Smith, Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith's stepson, has disclosed here he once brought a black friend home to supper at his parent's home in Salisbury — and they did not "faint with horror."

"I cautioned them beforehand," he told a British columnist. "My friend was a biology student from Salisbury university. My parents agreed to meet him and in fact made him welcome."

Mr Alec Smith (28) who came to London to attend an international meeting of Moral Re-armament, said he now brought black friends home regularly.

"I have tried to explain my views to my parents," he says. "Although they don't always agree with me, they are never rude to my friends. In fact, I think the experience has done them good."

"I have noticed a definite change in my parents' attitudes during the past two or three years. It is not easy for the older generation to accept the changes that must come," he said.