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"The contribution representatives of Moral Re-Armament (MRA) made to the political settlement in Zimbabwe is another relatively unknown and unappreciated example of track two activity aiding official diplomacy. MRA members encouraged blacks and whites to hold numerous private, unstructured conflict resolution workshop-style meetings. On the eve of the historic election for majority rule, a key encounter between Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and Patriotic Front leader Robert Mugabe, arranged through a young black leader and Ian Smith's son, Alec, helped persuade the white leadership that Mugabe's anticipated election would not endanger the white community. Some observers believe this meeting may have headed off a coup d'etat by the white-led Rhodesian army. Both the young peace-makers had been influenced by discreet, track two mediation by a handful of MRA members."