

A Mozambique inquiry

From the Reverend Francis Edwards, SJ

Sir, It is, indeed, a brave suggestion that the Pope should intervene "vigorously and openly", as your recent correspondents express it, for an inquiry into the alleged Wiriyamu massacres. While he is about it, he should press for more inquiry into the violence in Northern Ireland. It would be a pity if he were to keep out of the Littlejohn affair, and a crying shame if he did not make his own contribution to Watergate. There seems to have been plenty of bloodshed in the not too recent past in other parts of Africa, and while he is about it, our Russian friends would doubtless appreciate a new inquiry into the Katyn Wood massacre.

If he does his job as our progressive friends would have him, he is in for a very busy summer. It is truly wonderful to think, of all the mud lying around the world that only needs a stir from the Vatican to settle it for ever, and in this season. His Holiness may further be consoled by the thought that he could doubtless expect the willing assistance of some at least of the local bodies concerned with the solution of these internal problems of their own countries.

Mr David French called through *The Times* (Letters, August 11) for a return of the silly season. We Catholics, or some of us, may be confidently expected in these days to rise to every bait of this kind.

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