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Cloudy Monday morning, clearing in afternoon. High in 30s. See Page 47.

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# Pope, Patriarch Meet, Exchange 'Kiss Of Peace'

## Johnson Suggests A Parley

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP) — President Johnson told Pope Paul VI in a letter delivered Sunday that he hopes to meet with him. The Pope responded warmly to the suggestion.

The letter to the pontiff was delivered at Nazareth by R. Sargent Shriver Jr., head of the U.S. Peace Corps, and brother-in-law of the late President John F. Kennedy.

The President's interest in a personal meeting with the Pope was expressed in a handwritten postscript to a letter asking the Pope's blessing on the U.S. work for peace around the world.

Shriver is touring the Mid-

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Pope Paul VI (right) extends his arms in a gesture of embrace as he greets Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. (AP)

## 'Symbolic Unity' In Historic Event

JERUSALEM, Jordanian Sector (AP) — Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leaders of 700,000,000 Christians, met Sunday night with a symbolic "kiss of peace"—setting a seal on a drive toward greater friendship and understanding between their two churches.

The two leaders embraced in the course of a historic encounter lasting just 29 minutes—the first such meeting between a Pope and a patriarch of Constantinople since 1439.

The kiss came as Patriarch Athenagoras entered a reception room at the Roman Catholic apostolic delegation on the Mount of Olives where the pontiff awaited him. They clasped hands, bent toward each other and exchanged the traditional embrace which to Christians means "we are brothers in faith."

The pontiff told the patriarch later the symbol and example of charity should be "the kiss of peace which Our Lord

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has permitted us to exchange in this Holy Land."

After the meeting Patriarch Athenagoras told the American Broadcasting Co.:

"The Pope and I have agreed to symbolic unity as of now and the formation of a common front for the good of mankind."

He described the Pope as a man destined to lead the way to the unity of our great faiths.

The encounter between the two leaders came at the end of a day in which the pontiff

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## VISITORS FIND HIM REFRESHED

# Johnson's Mood: Easy Confidence

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WASHINGTON — President Johnson flew back to the White House Sunday to face up to a tremendously difficult year in a mood of easy confidence.

This confidence arises from two sources which are always in evidence to anyone visiting the LBJ Ranch:

There, on the banks of the Pedernales, actually at this time a drought-stricken trickle of a river, where five generations of Johnsons have fought the rugged terrain for a living, he is truly "at home," and can relax.

There, too, he has shown in the last 14 days, he can conduct business of almost staggering proportions, vital not only to the nation but the entire world—and somehow come out of it refreshed.

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Ahead of him lies the second session of a Congress that has qualified itself as pokey and difficult. Ahead, too, are the shoals of the cold war, which he hopes to skirt in his recently announced all-out peace offensive.

And complicating these already snarly problems is the fact that this is a campaign year, and that he must run hard for election in his own right.

It was in Washington that he demonstrated — in the hours and days immediately following President John F. Kennedy's assassination — the quick comprehension, the command strength and the technical talent to make it a smooth take-over.

But it was at the ranch that he really proved to the seniors

in his administration that this was going to be a Johnson government, and not just a flaccid caretaking operation.

So the impression is strong that, despite his private protests to Texas friends, he'll be back on the Pedernales River this year oftener than he says — if for no other reason than that his batteries seem to get recharged the quickest just from exchanging long looks with a batch of lazy, register live-it-up LBJ Herefords.

After his two weeks at home, the President could count three major accomplishments:

1 In two days of perforce intimate sessions at the ranch he achieved an understanding and personal friendship with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard of West Germany that topped

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