

POPE AND ORTHODOX LEADER MEET AND OPEN 'DOOR' TO COOPERATION; PONTIFF VISITS SHRINES IN GALILEE

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JERUSALEM (Jordanian Sector) Jan. 5—Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople met here tonight in a spirit of reconciliation between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

The Patriarch, the most eminent representative of the Eastern Orthodox Church, called on the Pope at the Roman Catholic Apostolic delegation tonight soon after the Pope returned from his visit to Israel.

The Pope and the Patriarch embraced and exchanged a symbolic kiss of peace.

After his meeting with the Pope, the Patriarch, at the Orthodox patriarchal residence, declared: "There are no differences except theological ones between us."

Differences of Words

He added that many of the phrases and words used in the theology of both East and West had "lost their meaning over the centuries." He thus implied that the differences were more a matter of words than of meaning.

The Patriarch said that as soon as possible he hoped to send an Orthodox delegation to Rome to talk over problems. "From now on," he said, "we mean business."

Although he did not disclose the text of his official reply to Pope Paul's address of greeting, the Patriarch indicated that it was warmhearted. Asked what was the most important thing in it, he replied: "The most important thing is that we embraced. It was a big day—bigger than can be imagined."

'Only One Theology'

Before the meeting the Patriarch said: "There are no longer differences between us now that the door is opened. There is only one theology, but there are many theologians. What is happening here opens the door wide to further meetings. From this moment on there is cooperation."

At the Orthodox residence, the Patriarch met Spyros P. Skouras of 20th Century-Fox and Prince Peter of Greece.

Pope Paul will pay a return call on the Patriarch tomorrow after he has visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and just before his return to Rome.

In a prepared address to the Patriarch, Pope Paul interpreted their meeting as an expression of a will to reconciliation that might lead in time to a study of their differences in