

Pope and Patriarch Confer in Turkey, Seek Church Unity

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 25 [Reuters]—Pope Paul VI today told Patriarch Athenagoras of the Eastern Orthodox church that the heads of their two churches must point the way to full communion between the Roman Catholic church and the Eastern Orthodox church after nine centuries of schism.

The pope arrived here today on a two-day visit to Turkey to pursue the goal of church unity.

In today's meeting he told Patriarch Athenagoras charity is necessary to heal the ancient breach between their two churches. The heads of the churches must take the lead towards closer communion, he said.

Must See Unity

"In the light of our love for Christ and of our brotherly love we perceive even more clearly the profound identity of our faith and the points on which we still differ must not prevent us from seeing this profound unity," the 69-year-old pontiff said.

Earlier, Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul exchanged "the kiss of peace" when the pontiff arrived from Rome on his fifth foreign trip of his four-year reign.

Hearts Filled with Hope

In a brief stop at Istanbul's Roman Catholic cathedral before formal talks with the Patriarch Athenagoras, Pope Paul asked assembled Catholic priests, monks, and nuns to aid him in his quest for unity.

The zeal of Patriarch Athenagoras for the cause of unity "fills our hearts with hope," the pope said.

In his formal discussions with the patriarch, the pope said

HALT CHILDREN TAKING CANDY FROM BUILDING

Police stopped about 200 children who tried to help themselves to candy from the Strongin and Son company, 321 Division st., last night. The building housing the candy firm



Pope Paul VI waves as he clasps hands with Patriarch Athenagoras of the Eastern Orthodox church after their meeting in Istanbul. [AP Wirephoto via cable]

charity enabled them to see the depth of their unity, yet made them sad that the unity was not complete and encouraged them to do everything to hasten it.

"We see more clearly that it falls on the heads of the churches and their hierarchies to put the churches on the path to full communion."

They must do it by recognizing and respecting each other as shepherds of that part of the flock of Christ which had been entrusted to them, guarding the cohesion and the growth of the people of Christ and avoiding all which could disperse them or spread confusion in their ranks, the pope said.

The pontiff presented Patriarch Athenagoras with a

parchment scroll reaffirming his dedication to the quest for unity between the eastern and western churches.

The message, inscribed in Latin, proposed that each side promote, deepen, and adapt the training of the clergy, the education and life of the Christian people, to accept a closer communion.

The pope flies to Asia Minor tomorrow to visit Ephesus, site of many relics of the early Christian church. He told diplomats today his visit, in this anniversary year of the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul, was to venerate the places where the Christian faith flourished in its first centuries.

The pope earlier met President Cevdet Sunay and praised Turkey's efforts to preserve and develop the historic places of the early Christian church.

Addressing the religious head of the Moslem community here Pope Paul said he wished to express his esteem for the Moslems. In an address to the religious head of the Jewish community, Pope Paul called for mutual understanding and esteem between Christians and Jews.

SANITARY UNIT DROPS PLANS OF EXPANSION

The sanitary district board yesterday dropped plans to extend sewage removal services into Lake, Du Page, and Will counties because the cost to