

PATRIARCH

Another historic meeting took place today--between the Pope and the patriarch. The second during Pope's hurried visit to Jerusalem.

In return Patriarch Athenagoras is now planning to send a delegation to Rome--to try to smooth out the differences between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox branches of Christendom. "From here on we mean business"--said the tall, bearded leader of the ancient Greek Orthodox Church. But how much opposition will Athenagoras encounter within his own church? Many of the heads of the Greek Church oppose any compromise with the Vatican.

Pope Paul also sees difficulties ahead in the path of unity. But he does consider it a happy omen that today's meeting took place--in the Holy Land, where the leaders of the two great branches of Christianity--united in a common prayer--for the future.

## POPE

The Ope landed in Rome today to a pealing of bells, the firing of guns--and the cheers of thousands of the faithful; all waiting to greet him and welcome his safe return from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jericho. A torchlight procession greeted him--as he drove through the streets.

Obviously weary, after his unprecedented and overwhelming three days before leaving Palestine, the Pope was given a royal send-off from Amman Airport today--by King Hussein of Jordan--and throngs of roaring Jordanians. His farewell message contained--an appeal for peace. And no one could doubt but what he meant peace between Israel and Jordan.

King Hussein for his part--promised to preserve the holy ~~pl~~ places forever. Calling Pope Paul--the greatest pilgrim of them all.

As the Pope's plne took off, the exuberant young King raced his cream-colored Rolls Royce ~~along~~ <sup>along side</sup> ~~along~~--in a final farewell. The Rolls Royce seems to have replaced--those romantic galloping Arabian steeds on which Arab sheiks and kings rode until

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recently. Some still do. And a dozen Jordanian Air Force jets--  
escorted the modern magic carpet in which Pope Paul the Sixth  
flew back to Rome tonight.

## EARPHONES

That must have been a most unusual scene aboard the Pope's plane -- as his Holiness flew home today. Pope Paul -- weary after his most unusual pilgrimage; but not too weary to be interested in -- the mechanics of the flight; also the ~~poss~~ possibilities offered -- by its radio.

The Pontiff, pulling earphones over his white skull cap -- and listening to the signals and then sending messages of his own -- to each country his plane passed over.

Another Pontifical first! Papa's messages from the air from the Pope in person.

CYPRUS

The following sounds like the most optimistic news from Cyprus since the present crisis erupted. The President of the island in the Eastern Mediterranean--has agreed to receive an observer from the U.N. Archbishop Makarios, willing to let the international organization gather a first hand report--about the conflict between the Cypriot Greeks and the Cypriot Turks, which could lead to U.N. mediation.

## VIET NAM

Southeast Asia seems in more of a ferment than ever-- following those Vietnamese charges against Cambodia. According to Saigon, a force of Cambodians--crossed the border into South Viet Nam; attacking a village--southwest of Saigon, causing some casualties--before retreating back into Cambodia. Vietnamese troops are moving into the area--ready for action.

Threat of a war between Vietnam and Cambodia--when South Viet Nam is already at war with the Red guerrillas of North Viet Nam.

## MALAYSIA

The issue of peace or war between Indonesia and Malaysia -- may be settled in the Philippines at the Manila Conference that began today. Sukarno of Indonesia -- arriving for talks with Macapagal of the Philippines. The strong man from Jakarta hoping for -- a Macapagal declaration against Malaysia.

Sukarno, hoping to break up -- the new federation of Asian States, Malaysia, Singapore, Sarawak and North Borneo; so maybe he can pick up two of the areas -- Sarawak and North Borneo.

Malaysia has vowed to fight -- for its integrity. Hence, the importance of the Manila Conference -- between Sukarno and Macapagal.

The Executive Secretary of the NA.A.C.P. Roy Wilkins, had some pointed things to say today-at the annual meeting of that organization.

He noted that President Johnson has given top priority--to the Civil Rights bill now in Congress. He believes Mr. Johnson--is sympathetic, but that the House Rules Committee, under Chairman Howard Smith of Virginia is holding up the bill.

So says Wilkins, it behooves every Negro citizen to think over his reasons--for supporting the party to which Congressman Smith belongs; that is, the Democratic Party.

Negroes should not forget, he added that they have friends--in the Republican Party.



## GOLDWATER

The Michigan supporters of the "Goldwater for President" bandwagon--are in Grand Rapids tonight; in full force.

Delighted because the Senator from Arizona has announced that he will be a candidate for the G.O.P. nomination. They think he is head and shoulders above any of the possible candidates in Michigan--unless Governor Romney should change his mind and run

Grand Rapids tonight--the scene of Senator Goldwater's first major campaign speech.

## WHITE HOUSE

The Johnsons--threw a party today. A party in honor of--staff workers in the White House. The President and his Lady wanting to get to know and to greet all their new staff. Some of whom have been in the White House--since the Coolidge administration, for instance Mrs. Nellie Butler since nineteen twenty seven; Mrs. Edna Rosenberg since the Hoover Administration. Still going strong--as I hope you are Dick.

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## PEER

Its often said nowadays--that Britain's House of Lords-- has outlived its usefulness; that those belted earls and noble lords, when they do show up--just doze their time away. But at least one of them--has found a fighting issue.

The seventy one year old Earl of Harrowby who stands over six feet two wants bigger beds for Britain. Hospital beds that is.

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