

Peres: 'I Found A Great Deal Of Good Will In France'

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station from France. Peres said on his return home that Israel was not seeking nuclear reactors from France, with military potential or otherwise. "I personally, in this visit, did not negotiate for the purchase of any reactors in France," the Israeli leader told reporters. But he left open the possibility that Israel will soon decide on the need for a nuclear powered station in the near future. "We shall have to make up our minds in accordance with financial and technological considerations," he said.

Apart from the issue of nuclear reactors, a large measure of understanding on the political and economic

levels was apparently achieved during Peres' visit to Paris. He and Mitterrand reportedly decided to keep in close contact and to "institutionalize" regular consultations between their countries.

Reports from Paris said that a bilateral agreement providing for biennial summit meetings and a variety of lower level meetings at regular intervals is under consideration between France and Israel. France has such agreements with Britain and West Germany.

France and Israel will set up a joint committee for the development of scientific and industrial projects on which each country will be represented by four delegates; two will be appointed by their res-

Torah Cited As 'Authority' For Allowing Conservative Women Rabbis

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (WNS) -- Dr. Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, cited the Torah as his "authority" for ordaining women as Conservative rabbis.

Addressing 2,000 delegates at the biennial

national convention of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism here, Cohen cited the scholar Saadia, who taught that in every age, the Sanhedrin or its equivalent assumes the role of Moses and Aaron, and keeps the Torah alive with blessings and rituals.

While the Torah did not specifically discuss rabbis, "male, female, or neuter, it recognized the role of teacher," Cohen said.

"The Torah knew only such titles as

priests, prophets, kings, judges," Cohen said. "The very term 'rabbi' as a teacher of scripture is post-biblical and grows out of the experience of the Diaspora after the destruction of the Temple. Thus I get the authority to ordain women from the same place I get the authority to ordain men."

Cohen made his remarks during his teaching session to the convention held recently, on the theme, "History as the source of observance." Cohen

said, "History is not only a catalogue of events. It is the reasoned explanation of why we are a people and why we behave the way we do."

Dr. Simon Greenberg, octogenarian scholar and Seminary Vice Chancellor, was presented with the Mathilde Schechter award from Selma Weintraub of Hartsdale, N.Y., who was installed here for her second two year term as president of the Women's League.

Hussein Says He Is Still Opposed To Camp David Process

JERUSALEM (WNS) — King Hussein of Jor-

dan, addressing the Egyptian Parliament, offered a hard-line solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and made it clear that he remains adamantly opposed to the Camp David accords that resulted in the only peace treaty between Israel and one of its Arab neighbors.

Hussein appeared before the Egyptian legislature fresh from the week long Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting in Amman where he played host to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat and the so-called Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

He outlined to the Egyptians, with whom Jordan resumed diplomatic relations last September 25 after breaking them in 1978, a five-point "peace plan" which he said should be the basis for an international peace conference attended by the permanent members of the UN Security Council, with the PLO participating on an equal footing with all other parties.

The basis of his plan, Hussein stressed, would be a trade-off of Israel-occupied Arab territory for peace. He insisted that the territory returned must include "Arab East Jerusalem," the West Bank and Gaza and the Golan Heights, all occupied by Israel in 1967.


Hussein faulted the Camp David accords for not treating the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights in the same way as Israel-occupied Sinai. Sinai was returned to Egypt in April, 1982, under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. There was no immediate reaction to Hussein's speech.

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