

YW Town Hall speaker

By SHERRY KAHAN

More than a shade of difference separated the women who attended the recent Town Hall lecture of famed psychic Jeanne Dixon. Some thought she spent too much time touting her books and not enough time rolling out the predictions that made her famous.

But others pressed up to the platform after her talk, telling her how wonderful she is.

They asked to touch her hand or see the cross — blessed by Pope John Paul — which she wears about her neck. They laid their troubles on her in the form of questions about a nephew with cancer of the bone, a niece who had brain surgery and "the new job my husband has been offered."

THOSE COMPLAINING about the death of predictions should have moved to the platform after the lecture which was sponsored by the YWCA of Western Wayne County and attended by about 800 persons. At that point they fell thick and fast.

She expects a world war "very soon." Asked about the possibility of earthquakes in California, Mrs. Dixon said: "Not yet, you don't have to worry about your daughter now."

Will Mrs. Slovik get the pension of her husband, Pvt. Eddie Slovik?

"You get up a petition and sent it to the president," responded the psychic. "She'll get it."

One woman showed Mrs. Dixon a small photograph. "Will she be a saint soon?"

"Not soon," came the answer.

Will the Catholic Church be divided?

"It will be in trouble," said Mrs. Dixon. "All churches will be."

She also said there is no oil shortage, and that the Shah of Iran will be killed.

"He'll meet Aldo Moro's fate," she predicted.

IN HER TALK, she alluded several times to the fact that she had forecast "for more than a year" that the shah "would be his own undoing, and that modernization would cost him his crown. She had decided that the peace initiative made at Camp David would

fall apart and have to be started again. Mrs. Dixon predicted that historians would vindicate Richard Nixon. "Look at what we have lost since he left," she said, "Africa, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and the big domino that fell in Iran."

"I'm not sticking up for Nixon and anything he did," she added. "I'm sticking up for America."

She also indicated the ambitions of Republican Howard Baker would not be realized. "The senator from Tennessee is not going to make it to the White House," she stated.

Other looks into the future revealed to her that Saudi Arabia is going to call on the U.S. for help, that the people in the Mideast will never let Egypt and Israel alone, and that in a few years our ambassador to China will be sent home "because of acts of aggression." She didn't specify whose acts.

An response to questions, she said there would be a cure for cancer. "A cure is coming," she claimed. "It is just around the corner."

Her response on whether we would ever have a black president was somewhat guarded.

"Color doesn't matter," she asserted. "God works in mysterious ways. One day we'll have someone so great we will want him to guide us. We will have a person of black skin who will do great things internationally."

She indicated that President Carter's life is in great danger.

A locally oriented query produced the news that yes, Dearborn would get a performing arts center.

"But not right away," noted the forecast. "You just go after the Ford's for money."

DIGGING INTO the distinctions between prophecy and predictions, she explained that predictions can fall into error "if the intents of those involved veer off into other directions."

She added: "Prophecy is different. Prophecies are as precious as they are rare. They can't be obtained through our own efforts. They must be given. They are as unalterable as God's law, as perfect as his love."

In Mrs. Dixon's opinion everyone is touched by psychic power. But just as

some have a better eye for beauty, others "have a special sense of futurity."

"As a girl I could stand on higher ground, so to speak, and see a little farther," she pointed out.

Her personal philosophy seemed to be expressed by two points — one on politics, the other on religion.

"If we could have statesmen with the courage to promise us nothing but that

they would do the best they can," it might do away with voting for whoever promised the most, she said. "Carter promised us no secrets, but he gave away Taiwan without anyone knowing."

Happiness is in giving, she observed.

"It is up to us to do it. We have to set examples. We owe Jesus a debt. He died on the cross for us."

"We should use our God-given talents. But let us always remember. It is not always the gift that God gave you that counts, but what you do with it."

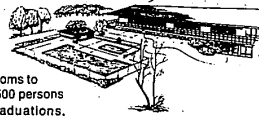


Livonia psychic Harriet Spurlin made contact with another psychic, Jeanne Dixon, after the latter's recent talk in Dearborn. The sale hat Mrs. Dixon wore is 15 years old and was obtained from "a relative in the fur business."

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