

# British medium triumphs in USA

PN Reporter

**M**EDIUM Ronald Hearn, who returned last week from a 19-day USA working visit, told me it was the greatest experience of his life.

He was invited by Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship to lecture at their Gettysburg College (Penn.) conference.

Apart from two lectures, which were front-paged by local papers, Hearn was besieged with requests for private sittings. He also ran a successful psychic development "workshop."

The spontaneous warmth of his America audiences, who loudly applauded in the middle of one lecture, "nearly lifted me off my feet . . . I didn't know what to do with myself."

Ronald said he anticipated Arthur Ford might communicate with some SFF members with whom he was closely associated during his earthly life.

Feeling diffident about possible criticism of this famous American medium's spirit return, he mentally said to Ford:

"If you do communicate you'll have really to hit the nail on the head with facts unknown to me."

## 'Known only to us'

Ford did just that! The cleric who organised this "retreat seminar" had a message from him at his Hearn sitting.

He said, "What you have told me is known only to Ford and me."

Allen Spraggett, until recently religion editor of "Toronto Star," also had a communication from Ford, whom he knew well. He arranged the

famous TV seance at which Bishop Pike's "dead" son communicated through Arthur.

Allen was completely satisfied with Arthur's correct spirit answers to several test questions. He was also very impressed by Hearn's psychometry of an object belonging to a prominent American.

## Advice accepted

Arthur gave accurate guidance on a pending political move by this man. Allen revealed his identity after the sitting.

The SFF expected 300 at Hearn's first lecture; 800 turned up. The lectures were taped by a recording company for SFF sale to the public.

Ronald gave 50 private sittings. At the last, the morning of his departure, Hearn confessed if there had been another booking he would have had to cancel it. He had only one free day for visiting friends.

Apart from the huge pile of requests for taped proxy sittings he brought home, Ronald found a postbag of about 60 letters with similar demands.

He had several invitations to settle in America. "I love the people and their way of life, and enjoyed every minute of my

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work there. But I was a bit homesick and quite glad to be back."

He told of an amusing incident. Before leaving for this trip he said to friends, "Well, I am following in Abraham Lincoln's footsteps to give my Gettysburg address!"

After his first lecture a woman, who said she had never before experienced clairvoyance, told him she had "seen" someone sharing the platform.

"I can't tell you who it was, you will only laugh." After persuasion she said it was Abraham Lincoln!

Hearn accepts this as an Other Side evidential in-joke.

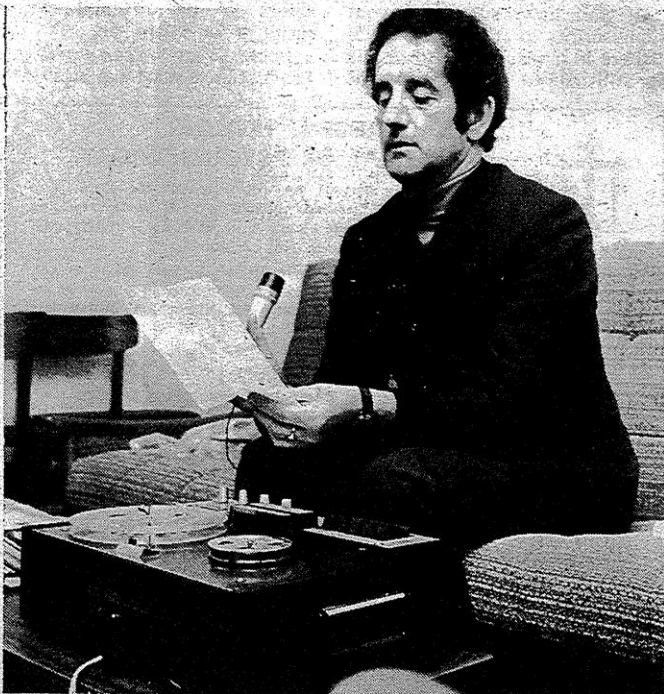
A glowing tribute to Hearn's first American public appearance reached PN last week from SFF secretary Mrs John R. Bierstein.

She says it was a highlight of this, their first Eastern retreat, which drew over 1,000 people from 32 States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

"Hearn was met with acclaim from the moment of his arrival and was unable to cope with the demands for private sittings." At his lectures he was interrupted with spontaneous applause, "the only speaker to receive this acclaim from the audience."

His daily psychic development "workshop" was attended by scientists and clergy. "For many at the retreat it was their first experience of mediumship."

"Hearn's obvious integrity, sincerity and interpretation of his gift dispelled scepticism and placed mediumship in a new light."



RONALD HEARN, whose tape-recorded proxy seances have proved highly successful.