

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR SHROUD TESTING

As indicated in the last *Newsletter*, a document of proposals for British involvement in any new testing of the Shroud has been prepared. Some magnificent help has been provided by Professor James Cameron, Home Office pathologist at the London Hospital, and by the Metropolitan Police Laboratory, London. The British proposals are intended to supplement rather than in any way compete with proposals made by the American groups STURP and ASSIST, and will be formally presented to the Archbishop of Turin, Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, in Turin at 10.30 am. on July 2nd.

It is still not too late for additions to the British proposals, but these should be from individuals with specific specialist expertise and or equipment to contribute. No proposals can be considered after the Annual General Meeting on June 14th.

A detailed summary of the British proposals will be published in issue No. 11 of this *Newsletter*, to appear in September.

RADIOCARBON DATING

As mentioned in the last *Newsletter*, proposals for British radiocarbon dating laboratories to participate in any dating of the Shroud have already been submitted by Dr. Robert Dinagar of STURP. Dr. Dinagar will be attending the 12th. International radiocarbon Conference to be held at Trondheim, Norway June 24th to 28th of this year, which will include a paper by Dr. M.S. Tite of the British Museum Scientific Laboratory, outlining his work obtaining comparative datings from laboratories using the recent accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) technique, and those employing the more conventional gas counter technique. Dr. Tite's findings promise to be of considerable interest and relevance for any future decision on Shroud dating. The Conference is expensive and highly technical, but anyone particularly anxious to attend should contact without delay Pat Ueland, University of Trondheim, N-7034 Trondheim-NTH, Norway.