

NEW SHROUD EXPOSITION

At the time of this *Newsletter* going to press, there are rumours - they can be put at no more than this - of a new Exposition of the Shroud to be held in Rome later this year. This is said to be envisaged in association with the Holy Year called by Pope John Paul II, which runs between Easter 1983 and Easter 1984.

According to the rumours, one idea has been that the Shroud should be exhibited in the Basilica of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, Rome which houses other reputed relics of the Crucifixion. Turin has apparently been in a ferment after the rumours reached the city, with petitions protesting that 'The Sindone must not leave Turin!' One interesting point to note is that after the rumours began, Ex-King Umberto died, and has left the Shroud to the Vatican in his will.

Should this Exposition be, in fact, occurring, travel companies will no doubt be arranging visits to Rome, as happened in 1978 with the Turin Exposition. We will keep members up-to-date with developments - and in order to do this speedily, ask that all those interested in receiving early news of Exposition dates, etc., should send in an s.a.e. marked 'Exposition' to the General Secretary.