

X-RAY PHOTOGRAPHS

Among the benefits arising from the new spirit of cooperation with the STURP group has been the receipt of two near-complete sets of 35 mm negatives of the X-ray work carried out on the Shroud by STURP in 1978. As expected, these show nothing of the Shroud's body and blood images, but offer fascinating insights on the Shroud's weave structure, the damage it has sustained, and incidental debris it has accumulated. Bill Mottern of STURP is warmly thanked for his assistance in supplying these photographs.

ASSIST

Paul Maloney has asked us to correct the impression given in the last *Newsletter* that ASSIST (the Association of Scientists and Scholars International for the Shroud of Turin) was predominantly inspired by him and John DeSalvo. The President of ASSIST, Dr. Frederick T. Zugibe, Chief Medical Examiner of Rockland County, New York. (author of *The Cross and the Shroud*), was also among a variety of individuals responsible for the group's formation. According to Paul Maloney, ASSIST's General Projects Director: "To this point in time, the organisation has nearly 50 members, spanning such diverse fields as archaeology, art history, botany, chemistry, data processing, information theory, forensics, history, medicine, microscopy, palynology, photography, physics, serology, textiles and translation".

THE ATLANTA CENTER

The General Secretary was delighted to be able to speak briefly to George O'Day, of The Atlanta Center for Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin, recently in London. He had been working in Europe and had taken advantage of that fact to visit some of the historical resting places of the Shroud as well as to set up communication links with various European groups interested in Shroud studies. In tandem with the Executive Director of the Center in Georgia, Fr. Albert Dreisbach, Mr O'Day hopes to encourage international communication and the pooling of knowledge as research progresses on all fronts. Reports, publications and exhibits are available at the Resource Center "to make available to the many what the privileged few have been graced to discover". BSTS wishes the Center every success in this worthy aim.