

Dr. TITE TO SUCCEED PROFESSOR HALL AT OXFORD

One ironical twist to the carbon dating story is that according to a report in *The Times* on 25 March, the Oxford carbon dating laboratory's future has been secured by Professor Hall having recently raised £1 million in donations from 45 businessmen and "rich friends". Professor Hall, who has his own private income, has been unpaid since he became founding director of the laboratory in 1954. But on his retirement this year his successor has to be paid, and since Oxford University's already over-stretched finances are unable to provide this, Hall raised independent finance to fund a perpetual Professorship. According to *The Times* "Professor Hall said he did not think publicity arising from his research into the authenticity of the Turin Shroud had anything to do with his success in raising the money." But the even more ironical twist is that Professor Hall's successor is to be ... Dr. Michael Tite.