

## NEW YORK SYMPOSIUM: ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT

One of several immediate results of the Vatican announcement was an eleventh hour postponement of the troubled Larchmont Shroud Symposium, which had been due to be held at the State University of New York on September 15. A major factor in the postponement seems to have been a pull-out by those speakers who are members of STURP, apparently due to a concern that any media miss-reporting of remarks they might make at the Symposium could jeopardise their chances of being invited to participate in any further testing work on the Shroud.

The Symposium was planned to mark the inception of a new American Shroud group, the American Shroud of Turin Association, or ASTA, a venture sponsored by businessman Charles A. Parlato of Larchmont, New York State. In the wake of the postponement a meeting of the ASTA committee, inclusive of the Revd. Kim Dreisbach of the Atlanta Center, Paul Maloney of ASSIST, Rodger & Connie Apple of the Albany Center for the Turin Shroud, Kevin Moran of STURP, and others, was held to reformulate the Symposium as a two day, and more international venture, specifically directed to suggestions for new research projects to be conducted on the Shroud in the wake of the Vatican announcement. The British Society, which was represented by Ian Wilson, has subsequently been invited to co-sponsor this venture, and at the time of this Newsletter going to press it is possible that this new-guise Symposium may be held in New York at the end of February/beginning of March 1991. Should this be confirmed, BSTS members will be notified by special bulletin at the earliest opportunity.