

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

The Society has been invited to supply lifesize photographs of the Shroud as part of two major photographic exhibitions occurring within the next few months.

The first of these, "Photographs of the Impossible" will be staged at the Royal Photographic Society's National Centre of Photography, the Octagon, Milsom St., Bath, between 9th. December and 25th. February. Here the Shroud will most likely be featured among some arguably more dubious "paranormal" phenomena, but the National Centre of Photography is a prestigious venue, and it is believed that any public exhibition of truly high quality Shroud photographs, in whatever context, can only help to call into question the too widespread media claim that the Shroud has been "proved" a fake. In this regard Father Kim Dreisbach of the Atlanta Center has been most helpful in putting us in touch with Kevin Moran of Belmont, North Carolina, who owns one of the handful of copies throughout the world of the lifesize colour transparency of the Shroud made during the STURP scientific work of 1978. Kevin Moran has kindly agreed to loan us his copy, with the one proviso that we arrange for the construction of the necessary light-box for its display.

The second exhibition, to open at the British Museum in March of next year, is to be entitled "Scientific Methods for Detecting Fakes." In this the British Museum wants to feature the Shroud as a "success" for the carbon dating method. We have been consulted on the wording of the caption material, and have urged that this should allow at least a measure of doubt. But it is again felt that (i) it would be churlish to refuse Shroud photographs for such a purpose; and (ii) well displayed, in whatever context, the photographs can speak for themselves, and help members of the public make up their own mind.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday October 18. Annual General Meeting of the BSTS, followed by a special report by Ian Wilson on the Paris Symposium, and on an informal get-together by delegates representing most major international research-oriented Shroud groups (STURP, ASSIST, the Atlanta Center, the Turin Centro, etc), held in Paris immediately following the Symposium. 7 pm at the New Cavendish Club, 44 Great Cumberland Place, London W1