

VINLAND MAP RETURNS FOR MORE TESTS

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THE Vinland Map was brought back to Britain during the weekend by a high official of Yale University for public exhibition and further examination at the British Museum.

The map, a facsimile of which was published in October, 1956, purports to show America 50 years before the continent's discovery by Columbus.

The map first came to light in Britain in 1957 and was published in a book, "The Vinland Map and the Tartar Relation," by Mr. R. A. Skelton, superintendent of the Map Room of the British Museum, Dr. T. Marston, curator of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at the University of Yale Library, and Mr. George Painter, assistant keeper of Printed Books at the British Museum.

Laboratory tests

Mr. Skelton told me yesterday that handwriting experts will compare the writing on the map with that of the manuscript. In addition, microscope examination and tests under ultra-violet light will be made in the laboratory of the museum. These will be carried out under the supervision of Mr. T. C. Skeat, Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum.

The map will be on view to the public at the British Museum from Jan. 20 for about four weeks