

# Nixon Lifts China Ship, Plane Ban

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THURMONT (Md.) — (AP) — President Nixon lifted today a rigid government ban on travel of U.S. aircraft and ships to China.

The action, announced by a spokesman at Nixon's Camp David, Md., retreat, is a first step toward establishment of scheduled air and sea service between China and the United States.

The changes in government regulations do not automatically, however, clear the way for scheduled service. A complicated set of details still must be worked out before U.S. airlines can routinely land in such cities as Peking, said press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler.

## Trade Contacts

In a brief statement, the White House said "these changes are made to facilitate development of trade and contacts between the American and Chinese peoples in the spirit of the joint communique issued in Shanghai on Feb. 28."

This was a reference to the statement issued after Nixon completed his journey to China early this year.

In a statement, issued simultaneously by the Commerce and Transportation departments, the government said modification of the regulations reflects Nixon's "intention to review existing restrictions on trade and travel . . . in an effort to create broader opportunities for contacts between the Chinese and American peoples."

The President's action eliminates China from a regulation that still prohibits U.S. commercial carriers from landing in North Korea and North Vietnam.

## Consent Needed

Officials said Commerce Department approval would be required before U.S. airlines could begin service to China. Also required would be approval of the Chinese government and agreement on such details as landing rights.

For U.S. ships desiring to dock at Chinese ports, no further U.S. government approval will be required. But consent of the Chinese government still must be obtained.