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**Nixon Returns to U.S. After China Trip**

Los Angeles

Former President Nixon returned to California last night after basking in the pomp and ceremony of an eight-day China trip that stirred controversy at home.

Mr. Nixon made no public statement upon leaving a jetliner at Los Angeles International Airport, and an aide said during a stop in Tokyo that the former President planned no public appearances.

Police marksmen wearing flak jackets could be seen on a hangar rooftop, and security around the terminal appeared to be tight.

The Nixons and their entourage of 20 arrived in the same American-built Chinese airliner that took them to China. The plane from Canton stopped in Tokyo and Anchorage, Alaska, before reaching Los Angeles.

Mr. Nixon, smiled and waved to a small crowd, mostly reporters, as he left the plane and immediately entered a nearby limousine.

He walked only a few steps to the waiting automobile and bystanders saw no sign of the limp he had during his China visit.

Among those on hand to meet Mr. Nixon were his daughter, Tricia Nixon Cox, and two members of the Chinese mission in the U.S., identified by airport officials as Yang Shu-chang, second ranking mission



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**Tricia Nixon Cox met her parents at the Los Angeles airport last night**

official, and Yang Yu-yung.

In Alaska, the former President remained aboard the plane during a stopover of one hour and 45 minutes at Anchorage Interna-

tional Airport, where customs officials received a declaration of Chinese gifts and collected an undisclosed duty on them.

The departure from Canton,

was informal. There were no ceremonies, speeches or departing statements. The ranking government official seeing Mr. Nixon off was Yao Lien-wei, vice chairman of the standing committee of the

National People's Congress.

An aide, John Brennan, said the former president would return to the quiet non-public life he has led in San Clemente in the 18 months between his resignation and the trip to China.

In 1972, when Mr. Nixon returned from his first trip to China after what he called "the week that changed the world," he was greeted at Andrews Air Force Base by thousands of cheering countrymen led by Vice President Spiro Agnew.

But his visit this time brought some criticism in the United States: President Ford has said Mr. Nixon's trip probably hurt him in the New Hampshire primary race against Ronald Reagan. A controversy still swirls around Mr. Nixon's banquet toast in Peking that some see as an indirect attack on the Helsinki accord. Senator Barry Goldwater, (Rep-Ariz.) said Mr. Nixon violated U.S. law by commenting on U.S. policy in China.

Still, Mr. Nixon is the only Westerner to have had extensive contacts with acting Premier Hua Kuo-feng, who has apparently taken charge of the Chinese government in a power struggle triggered by the death of Premier Chou En-lai in January.

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