

Nixons Fly Home to California After Eight-Day Trip to China

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TOKYO, Feb. 29 (AP)—Richard M. Nixon and Pat Nixon headed back to California today after an eight-day visit to China.

The Nixons and their entourage of 20 took off in the same American-built Chinese jetliner that flew them to China. The plane made a one-hour stop in Tokyo for fuel and was to stop again in Anchorage. An aide said the former President planned no public statements or appearances.

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, deputy chairman of the standing committee of the Chinese Congress.

The former President appeared in a relaxed and affable mood on his last day in China. In the morning, he returned the 50 miles by car to Canton from Tsunghua, a hot springs resort where he spent the night.

In the afternoon, the Nixons visited a city park on their way to the airport by motorcade and the former President was greeted by applauding crowds lining the narrow walkways.

Mr. Nixon paused several times to shake hands and exclaim, in Chinese, "Long live Chinese-American friendship."

Chatting with reporters, Mr. Nixon said that he had learned to say "long live friendship" in French, Polish, Spanish and several other languages. Sur-

rounded by Chinese citizens, he did not mention that he had also learned to say it in Russian.

Mrs. Nixon, wearing a pastel mink coat, appeared to be having a good time during the visit to the park. She, too, shook hands and waved at her Chinese greeters. She joked with reporters and warned them that tea, the staple Chinese beverage, could become an addiction.

"You might have the shakes if you don't get a cup every hour," Mrs. Nixon said.