

Mandel returns, gives views on China trade

Tacoma, Wash. (AP)—Six American governors, including Governor Mandel, who returned yesterday from a tour of China, said they believe that it will take several years to build a significant U.S.-Chinese trade program.

Gov. Daniel J. Evans, of Washington, acting as spokesman for the group at a brief airport news conference, predicted that because of "their sheer numbers," the Chinese will eventually "become large customers of the Western world. . . ."

That thought was echoed by Governor Mandel, arriving later at Andrews Air Force Base who said, "Trade will proceed but it will proceed slowly. They are basing their future on self reliance, the ability to do things themselves."

The governors, including Robert D. Ray, of Iowa; Calvin L. Rampton, of Utah; Phillip Noel, of Rhode Island, and Arch A. Moore, Jr., of West Virginia, arrived here at McChord Air Force Base after a nonstop flight from Japan.

Governor Mandel, Governor Moore and Governor Noel, all said they felt that the Chinese are sincerely interested in detente.

"I believe, for the present, their hopes for detente are very sincere, but that could well be a day-to-day attitude," Governor Moore said.

Governor Evans said, "I think we learned a lot and that they learned more about the

American market and the American marketing system.

"The Chinese don't want to rely on any country for basic goods and will import only what they want, at least at this time," he added.

A "most incomprehensible assignment, in a way," Governor Moore said in summing up the trip.