



China won't swallow 'bitter fruit' in U.S. trade war

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The United States and China appeared at a deadlock over trade negotiations on

Sunday as Washington demanded promises of concrete changes to Chinese law and Beijing said it would not swallow any “bitter fruit” that harmed its interests.

1-1. The U.S. and China _____

1-2. with the White House _____

2-1. Just days _____

2-2. White House economic adviser _____

2-3. that a key sticking point _____

3-1. Those changes centered around _____

3-2. and the prevention _____

4. But Beijing _____

5-1. A commentary in the ruling Communist _____

5-2. due for publication Monday said, 'At no time _____

5-3. and no one should expect China _____

6-1. Tensions between the two sides _____

6-2. with the U.S. hiking tariffs _____

6-3. after President Donald Trump said Beijing 'broke the deal' _____

7-1. Kudlow on Sunday said there was 'strong possibility' Trump would follow through with plans _____

8-1. Meanwhile, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, _____

8-2. said the U.S. has a major problem _____

FORMER U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT GATES SAYING: 'The Chinese have an advantage because they have a strategy and we don't. They have set goals, they have a strategy for

achieving those goals. And we really don't have a strategy. We haven't had a strategy in quite a while.'

9-1. Kudlow on Sunday also contradicted Trump - who has said _____

9-2. by acknowledging _____

9-3. but American companies _____

9-4. a cost _____

[Vocabulary]

brace oneself for: to prepare mentally or emotionally for something unpleasant

• *I braced myself for that big bump by holding onto the seat in front of me.*

potential: possible or likely in the future

• *This business project has big potential profits and losses.*

retaliation: the act of doing something harmful or unpleasant to someone because they have done something harmful or unpleasant to you

• *Discrimination invites resentment, conflict, and retaliation.*

retaliatory: intended to do something harmful or unpleasant to someone because they have done something harmful or unpleasant to you

• *retaliatory attacks/measures*

tariff: a tax that a government charges on goods that enter or leave their country

• *The government set a very high tariff on imported rice.*

latest: most recent, or newest

• *What's the latest news?*

deal: a formal agreement, especially in business or politics

• *a business/peace/land deal*

deal talk:

economic adviser:

Larry Kudlow: (born August 20, 1947) is an American financial analyst and former television host serving as 12th Director of the National Economic Council under President Donald Trump since 2018. Assumed office: April 2, 2018.

sticking point: an item (as in negotiations) resulting or likely to result in an impasse

• *Sanctions and weapons were the sticking point going into today's talks.*

center around: if something centers around a person or thing, or is centered around them, they are its main subject of attention or interest

• *The talk centered around trade relations with China.*

intellectual property: intangible property that is the result of creativity (such as patents or trademarks or copyrights)

• *Copyright and patent are intellectual property.*

currency: money that is used in a particular country

- *The dollar is probably the strongest currency in the world.*

manipulation: behavior that influences someone or controls something in a clever or dishonest way

currency manipulation: also known as foreign exchange market intervention; It occurs when a government or central bank buys or sells foreign currency in exchange for their own domestic currency, generally with the intention of influencing the exchange rate and trade policy.

among other issues: more than any other

hold firm: to refuse to abandon one's opinion or belief

- *They are holding firm on their refusal to proceed.*

commentary: a systematic series of explanations or interpretations (as of a writing); an expression of opinion

ruling: in control of, or having the most power in, a country, group, or organization

party paper:

People's Daily: the biggest newspaper group in China. The paper is an official newspaper of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, published worldwide with a circulation of 3 million. In addition to its main Chinese-language edition, it has editions in English, Japanese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Tibetan, Kazakh, Uyghur, Zhuang, Mongolian, and other minority languages in China. The newspaper provides direct information on the policies and viewpoints of the Communist Party.

due for: needing, requiring, or expecting something to happen

- *He will be due for another raise in June.*

at no time: never

- *At no time will you be allowed to smoke in this building.*

forfeit: to be forced to give up a right, a benefit, or something that you own, because you have broken a rule or law

- *Any amount remaining in your account will be forfeited.*

bitter fruit: the negative consequences of something

- *The economy is in shambles, and unemployment and underemployment are the bitter fruits.*

core interests:

hike: to suddenly increase the amount or level of something

renege on: to fail to fulfill a promise or obligation

- *I have not reneged on my promise.*

commitment: a promise to do something

- *It doesn't mean I can't make a lifetime commitment.*

follow through: to pursue to a conclusion or bring to a successful issue

- *I'm going to follow this through to the end.*

Robert Gates: (born September 25, 1943) is an American statesman, scholar, intelligence analyst, and university president who served as the 22nd United States Secretary of Defense from 2006 to 2011. He was originally appointed by President George W. Bush, but was retained for service by President Barack Obama. In 2008, Gates was named one of America's Best Leaders

by *U.S. News & World Report*. He continued to serve as Secretary of Defense in President Barack Obama's administration. He retired in 2011. "He'll be remembered for making us aware of the danger of over-reliance on military intervention as an instrument of American foreign policy," said former Senator David L. Boren. Gates was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, by President Obama during his retirement ceremony.

Face the Nation: a weekly news and morning public affairs program airing Sundays on the CBS radio and television network. Created by Frank Stanton in 1954, *Face the Nation* is one of the longest-running news programs in the history of television.

when it comes to: When considering some particular person, thing, or action.

- *There's nothing she doesn't know when it comes to computers.*

advantage: something that makes one person or thing more likely to succeed than others

have an advantage:

- *Incumbents have an advantage over challengers at election time.*

goal: something that you hope to achieve

set a goal:

quite a while: A significantly long amount of time.

contradict: to say that the opposite of what someone has said is true

- *Stop contradicting me.*

acknowledge: to accept or admit that something exists, is true, or is real

- *She won't acknowledge that there's a problem.*

pass on: to make someone who is buying something from you pay for the cost of something

- *The retailer is forced to pass these extra costs on to the customer.*