

One of the summit's most important outcomes may simply be the continuation of the fragile trade truce. The trip has so far produced warm words and carefully managed symbolism - but few big economic outcomes. One of the clearest shifts emerging from the summit was how China is now linking Taiwan to the broader economic relationship.

While there had been optimistic expectations of China helping out bring an end to the War, that doesn't seem to be coming. Moreso, Trump interview sparks apprehensions of nervy weekend ahead - the comments appear to represent a material escalation in rhetoric and have injected fresh geopolitical risk premium into oil prices.

There has long been a perception that new Fed chairs are swiftly tested by turmoil in markets shortly after taking the reins. Warsh inherits a Fed where 2 year yield is rising in lockstep with PPI - 2-year yield usually doesn't sit above Fed's short-term target range. This new shift signals that the bar for a Fed rate hike is coming down.

Retail sales rose for the third straight month, with nine of thirteen categories posting gains. However, one can see early signs of higher energy prices crimping Consumer spending on everything else.

The House voted 212 to 212 on the war powers resolution, meaning it failed because it needed a majority to pass. The last House war powers resolution failed on April 16 by 213-214

Stagflation shock in Europe- policy nightmare. If April's pattern persists, the ECB's lesson from 2022 is clear: move early, or risk falling behind the curve again. Rate hike is imminent - but not as much as markets have priced in - Euro rates have entered into holding pattern. Resumption of a downtrend refreshed by correction - has the potential to run far below parity (yes you read it right) - below 1.1650, objective at 1.1339.

USD/CNY's break below 6.80 reflects a policy-guided one rather than disorderly move. External balance is a key source of support for the yuan. (Apr \$84.82bn trade surplus) producer-price rebound is important as well because it shifts away from the deflation pressure that previously weighed on sentiment

Prospect of Britain switching prime ministers for a sixth time in seven years has fuelled an angst - Labour party resignations fomenting - markets prefer balance between a "fresh start" & avoidance of Truss-style provocation. However the party is shifting to the left and the market will price that in first -1.3322 is the last line in the sand.

April Japan's wholesale prices rose 4.9% y/y - The pressure is certainly rising for Japan and it makes little sense to manage the optics of exchange rate through intervention and risk

loosing credibility. Katayama will be at G7 this week end -100-DMA 157.43 proving to be a strong bastion for a 160.00 test .

The media stories hardly make any discerning impact in the sentiment. 96.30 seems right around the corner