

Debt deal angst and on fears that inflation might not allow Fed to pause.

McCarthy did not provide any optimism that a deal is nearing. He said that there are a number of places that both sides are still far apart. Fitch placed 'AAA' on rating watch negative- T-bill yields surge to 7%.

Nowadays, FOMC minutes have become uneventful as we always hear from so many Fed members in the time between the meeting 3 weeks prior & the release of the minutes.

May inflation is probably going to show on a monthly basis that inflation is being stubborn. Headline might make more progress towards the 4% handle, but core will undoubtedly remain sticky in the 5s.

**Inflation in UK** is the precursor to US - not where anybody wants it to be – and this time no one can blame Liz Truss. Yield on 2-year UK govt bonds spiked to 4.33%, a level not seen since the "mini-budget" crisis last fall. So Truss is not the issue .

Today's data : German Q1 GDP, June Gfk & US Q1 PCE, weekly claims

EUR/USD weakness was counterbalanced by EUR/GBP buying. IFO Business Climate Index eased to 91.7 in May from 93.4 in April. Things are getting murkey - outlook for EZ growth is cooling - big downmove on break below 1.0736.

Chinese demand recovery continues to disappoint as seen in LME copper which fell below \$8,000 for the first time since

29 Nov. Russia- China bonhomie may only exacerbate the stress. USDCNY well set for obj 7.1300

Higher interest rates in UK now reflect terrible fundamentals rather than misguided fiscal policy. A dramatic upward appraisal of yields usually supports the pound, but at this point run the risk of derailing UK economic growth, which could cap gains. A welcome good news however is that number of cars made in Britain rose by 9.9% y/y in April. A **close below 1.2345**, 38.2% of the 2023 rise, would open the door to 1.2242, 50% of the 2023 rise. **and then 23.6% of 2022/2023 uptrend at 1.2130**

8th consecutive week of net foreign purchases of Japanese stocks. Looks more a overstretched exchange rate play -

pivot trade - would bite dust if USDJPY crosses 139.78 . Only few saw this coming  
Pain trade is higher USDJPY - obj hit - stay aside and buy those dips .

USDINR should climb back above 82.85 as the Single stock flows dry up - at 7% T bill yields, even this "die hard" investor will face a funds crunch- May end seasonal cash dollar shortage woes as well - 82.70  
83.00