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Trump warns Davos on unfair trade, says U.S. 'open for business'

DAVOS, Switzerland (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump took his "America First" message to the world's elite on Friday, telling a summit of business and political leaders that the United States would "no longer turn a blind eye" to what he described as unfair trade practices. Trump became the first sitting U.S. President to address the annual conclave of the rich and powerful at the Swiss ski resort of Davos for 18 years, closing the summit with a mostly upbeat speech that declared the United States "open for business". "Now is the best time to bring your money, your jobs, your businesses to America," he said, singling out tax cuts and curbs to regulation as boosting the investment climate. "The world is witnessing the resurgence of a strong and prosperous America." He said he would always promote "America First", as he expected other world leaders to do on behalf of their own countries, but added: "America First does not mean America alone. When the United States grows so does the world." But he swiftly turned to a theme of demanding tougher enforcement of trade rules, accusing unidentified countries of unfair practices, including stealing intellectual property and providing state aid to industry. "We will enforce our trade laws and restore integrity to the trading system. Only by insisting on fair and reciprocal trade can we create a system that works not just for the United States but for all nations," Trump said.

"The United States will no longer turn a blind eye to unfair trade practices," he said. "We cannot have free and open trade if some countries exploit the system at the expense of others." His speech was mostly met by polite applause, although he drew some jeers and whistles during a question and answer session, when he attacked the news media: "It wasn't until I became a politician that I realized how nasty, how mean, how vicious and how fake the press can be," he said. While he has a record of opposing trade agreements involving multiple countries, he said the United States would seek bilateral deals with individual states. That could include members of a Trans-Pacific trade agreement from which he has withdrawn, he said, adding he would consider negotiating with them collectively if it was in the U.S. interest. The Trump administration's debut at Davos also caused a storm because of comments by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who said earlier this week the United States benefited from a lower dollar, which would make its exports cheaper. Those remarks sent the U.S. currency tumbling and drew sharp rebukes from the European Central Bank chief and other figures, who view countries talking down their own currencies as a violation of unwritten rules to keep trade balanced. Mnuchin told CNBC television on Friday he was "absolutely not trying to talk down the



dollar" and that his remarks had been taken out of context. "What I said was actually very even-handed and consistent with what I said before." On Thursday, Trump said he ultimately wanted the dollar to be strong. U.S. officials said there was no disagreement between Trump and Mnuchin, and the Treasury Secretary had been making a factual observation about the impact of a lower dollar, not announcing a policy preference to drive it down. Despite Trump's tough trade talk,

Roberto Azevedo, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), David W. MacLennan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cargill, and Wilbur L. Ross, U.S.

those in the audience mostly noted the upbeat tone of his speech. "I think he came here to make not just American but global business comfortable about where America is now," said IHS Markit's chief economist, Nariman Behravesh. "He wasn't trying to convert people to his own views, but saying we are a great economy, come and invest in the U.S."

Trump says Republicans will accept citizenship for 'Dreamers'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday he was willing to shift his stance on immigration to push through a deal that protects illegal immigrants brought to the country as children from deportation and offer them citizenship. A woman protests to call for a new DREAM Act to replace DACA in Los Angeles, California U.S. January 17, 2018. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson In an interview with CNBC broadcast on Friday, Trump also said Republican senators who have taken a tough approach to immigration, including Tom Cotton, John Cornyn and David Perdue, could agree to the plan to offer citizenship within 10 to 12 years to so-called "Dreamers." "They've really shifted a lot, and I think they're willing to shift more, and so am I," the Republican president told CNBC in an interview from the World Economic Forum in Davos. "We're going to see. If we make the right deal, I think they will." "These are people that have very strong opinions

on DACA (the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) and on immigration generally. And I happen to think they're largely right," said Trump. Senior White House officials outlined an immigration plan on Thursday, hours after the Trump interview was taped, that would offer a path to citizenship for up to 1.8 million of the illegal immigrants. The proposal includes measures to curb some legal immigration programs and provide a border wall with Mexico. The White House described the offer to more than double the number of Dreamers who would be protected from deportation as a major concession aimed at attracting enough votes for an immigration deal from Democrats. To appeal to Republicans, the plan would slash family sponsorship of immigrants, tighten border security and provide billions of dollars in funding for a border wall with Mexico, one of Trump's signature campaign promises - and proposals that have largely failed to gain traction with Democrats before.



FILE PHOTO: 'Dreamers' react as they meet with relatives during the 'Keep Our

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Apple, Google CEOs Bring Star Power As China Promotes Censorship

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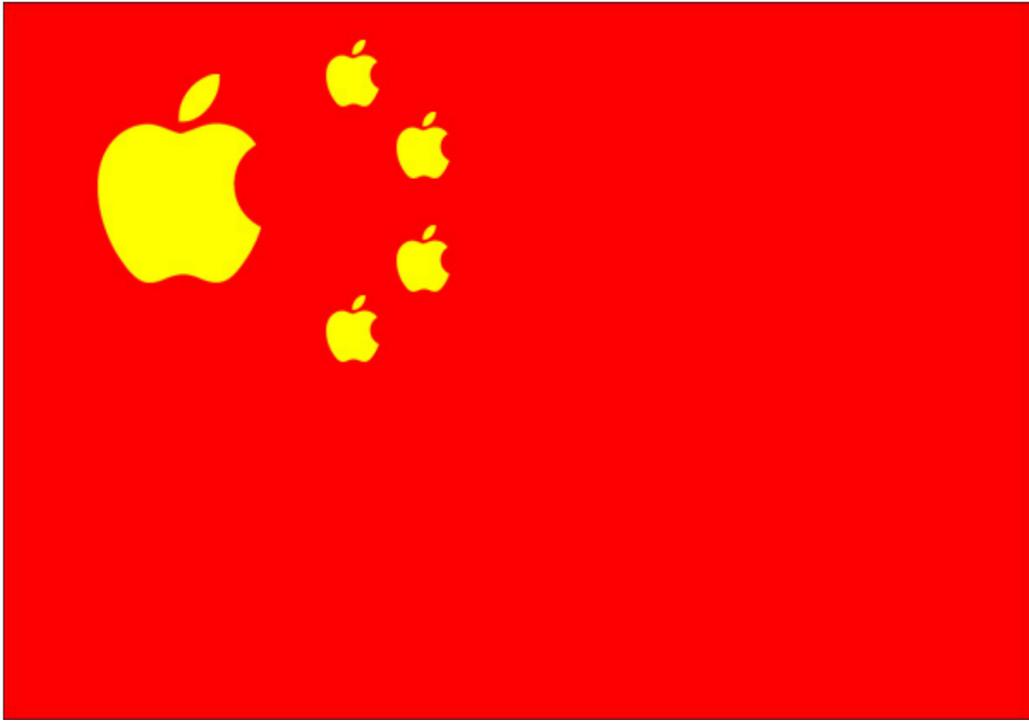
Apple's chief executive officer gave a surprise keynote at the opening ceremony on Sunday, calling for future internet and AI technologies to be infused with privacy, security and humanity...

"The theme of this conference -- developing a digital economy for openness and shared benefits -- is a vision we at Apple share," Cook said.



Tim Cook at the World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, China, on Dec. 3.

The Wuzhen conference, which until this year has had a primarily local presence, is designed to globally promote the country's vision of a more censored and controlled internet...



The two companies Boody referred to participated in the conference, with Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Chairman Jack Ma and Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s Pony Ma taking part.

Cook's comments come at a pivotal point for the company's future in China...



Sunder Pichai, CEO of Google

the company's future in China, which is now its biggest market outside of North America. It relies on the sale of hardware and services in the world's most populous country...

He said Apple's operations in the country began three decades ago with a handful of employees...

Apple has come under fire for cooperating with Chinese authorities in removing apps that give users there uncensored communications...

In November, Apple complied with government orders to pull Microsoft Corp.'s Skype phone and video service from the Chinese version of its popular app store...

"Much has been said of the potential downsides of AI, but I don't worry about machines thinking like humans..."

Technology of the future should have openness, creativity and safeguards to protect users while providing privacy and decency, he added.

to Cook's Chinese hosts, can only be accomplished through more laws and regulations that control what can be shared online...

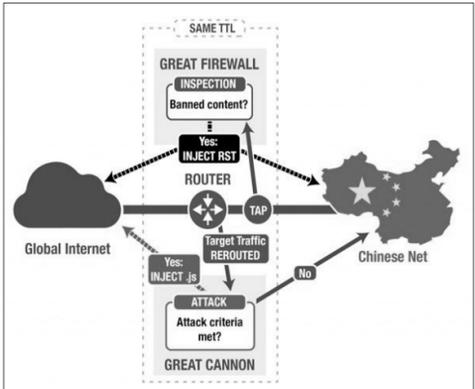
New Order

"What we propose is we should promote a controllable security and build a new order," Wang said through a translator.

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Wuzhen holds special significance for the search giant, whose AI program defeated the world's top-ranked player of the ancient board-game Go...

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People watch Marine One transporting U.S. President Trump take off from Davos



U.S. President Trump looks on as he meets President Kagame of Rwanda during the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos



A model presents a creation from Agatha Ruiz de la Prada's Fall/Winter 2018 collection during the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Madrid



Protesters perform outside a court where court hears arguments on former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori's pending trials, in Lima



Indian Army soldier marches next to a tableau during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi



FILE PHOTO:Models present creations from the Fall/Winter 2017-2018 women's ready-to-wear collection by British designer Stella McCartney during the Paris Fashion Week, in Paris



Ren and G, official mascots for the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan, poses with a supporter of the Rugby World Cup during a photo session at its unveiling in Tokyo



An Australian flag flies underneath a military helicopter past the Sydney Opera House as a performer balances on a flyboard during celebrations for Australia Day, which marks the arrival of Britain's First Fleet in 1788, on Sydney Harbour



A Supporter of the Invasion Day protest makes a gesture outside Parliament House in Melbourne

Elton John To Quit Touring — After Three-Year Global Farewell Tour

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Elton John performs before announcing his final tour. (Photo/Associated Press)

Elton John's yellow brick road is winding to an end: The veteran British rock star on Wednesday announced his retirement from touring — but not until after he completes what's slated to be a 300-date global farewell trek that will keep him in front of concert audiences for three more years. "My life has changed, my priorities have changed," said John, 71, in a press conference at Gotham Hall in New York City, where he sang "Tiny Dancer" and "I'm Still Standing" before taking a seat next to CNN's Anderson Cooper to explain his decision. "My priorities are my children and my husband. I can't do the traveling anymore, I don't want to do the traveling anymore."

and I don't want them to miss me," he said. "I want to be there for their school, and to take them to soccer academy." His Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour is scheduled to open Sept. 8 in Allentown, Penn., and continue around the globe into the year 2021. "When I end the tour, our sons will be 8 and 10. That's an important time.



They need their parents." In response to a question from a remote broadcast from the Troubadour in West Hollywood, where John made his initial splash in the U.S. in 1970, he said that tour might include a return performance at the venerable club — where his longtime songwriting collaborator, Bernie Taupin, addressed a couple of dozen reporters and others. The tour itinerary released Wednesday includes 2019 Southern California stops Jan. 22 and 23 at Staples Center in Los Angeles and Jan. 29 in San Diego's Valley View Casino Center. The confirmed dates extend only into next year so far. John and Taupin this year are marking the 50th anniversary of the beginning of their songwriting partnership, one of the most successful and prolific in pop music his-



tory. Taupin said he and his wife, Heather, share John's emphasis on family before career. "Heather and I also have young children," longtime California resident Taupin, 67, said. "I want them to see as much of this tour as they can so they can know what their father did and be proud of it." John wore a dazzling bejeweled tux coat and tails, with the words "Gucci Loves Elton" on the back, and said his final tour "will be the biggest, most elaborately produced tour I've ever done.... I don't want to go out with a whimper, I want to go out

with a bang. I'm not a whimper kind of guy." The press conference was preceded by a virtual-reality demonstration using film footage of John's 1970 debut at the Troubadour and the subsequent large-scale 1975 appearances at Dodger Stadium, which cemented his status as the one of the biggest rock stars of the 1970s. Asked whether he intended to further exploit virtual reality in retiring from touring, he said "I'm a total Luddite. I've never downloaded anything — not even porn.... I was actually talking about this with my son. I said, 'When Daddy dies, promise me you won't have a hologram of me going around the world,'" he said with a laugh. "It's like doing a duets album with someone who has died. It's creepy.... I think it's a bit freaky."



Then he quipped, "But who knows? Maybe they'll get older and be broke and put be back on the [expletive] road again." He also said the end of touring does not signal the end of his lifelong relationship with music. "I still plan to do a couple more albums. Hopefully I will still be creative until the day I die." (Courtesy <http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/music>)

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By Craig Hlavaty

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BAYOU CITY INITIATIVE AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING TO ADDRESS POST-HARVEY FLOOD MITIGATION AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES

(HOUSTON) More than thirty Houston-area community groups will gather on Monday, January 29, to share ideas and begin work on a master plan to address flood resiliency in the Houston area.

Stakeholders and community partners including AARP, BakerRipley, Anti-Defamation League, and representatives from super-neighborhood councils including Alief, Third Ward, and East Houston will be tasked with developing strategies and infrastructure improvements they believe are important in local flood mitigation and prevention plans.

WHEN: Monday, January 29 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
WHERE: Leonel Castillo Community Center 2101 South St. Houston, TX 77009
WHO: Bayou City Initiative and community partners & stakeholders

ABOUT BAYOU CITY INITIATIVE: Bayou City Initiative is a non-profit organization of community partners and stakeholders working to develop and implement post-hurricane Harvey policy perspectives.

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