(NEWSER) – China says it doesn't want a trade war—but it's not going to back down if President   
Trump starts one. After the Trump administration recommended new 25% tariffs on $50 billion in Chinese   
goods Tuesday. Beijing hit back within hours with its own proposed tariffs on 106 American products   
accounting for around $50 billion in trade, raising of an all-out trad fears e war between the world's two   
biggest economies, the New York Times reports. The new categories of American goods that would face   
tariffs under the move include aircraft, soybeans, and cars, which were last year's three biggest exports   
from the US to China, reports the Guardian. Other goods targeted include whisky, tobacco, cotton, wheat,   
and corn.   
As Asian markets tumbled, a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Beijing slammed Trump's approach   
to trade issues. "Those who attempt to make China surrender through pressure or intimidation have never   
succeeded before, and will not succeed now," said Geng Shuang. Sources tell the Wall Street Journal that   
many of the 106 items on China's list, including sorghum and beef, were included in an attempt to target   
states that voted for Trump. But both sides still have a chance to back down from the brink of trade war.   
China hasn't said when its tariffs will take effect, and the US tariffs are not due to take effect until May 11   
at the earliest. (China announced new tariffs on another 128 US products earlier this week.)