

World News

One piece suggests China is using social media to issue anti-America propaganda regarding the George Floyd killing [1]. Social media is not the only mechanism China uses. For instance, following growing friction between Australia and China, the communist giant is believed to be behind massive cyber-attacks [2].

This comes as China continues to exert its military. For instance, a Chinese Coast Guard ship rammed a Vietnamese fishing vessel operating in waters claimed by China [3]. In the Himalayas, Chinese and Indian troops fought leaving at least three Indian soldiers dead [4]. Later, 10 Indian soldiers were released by Chinese forces and the number of dead increased to 20 [5]. In another development, satellite imagery shows China massing troops and equipment near the Himalayan border [6]. China also conducted a live fire military training exercise in the area following the incident with India [7].

One opinion piece suggests China is trying to start an external conflict to deter domestic discontent [8]. China is not content with just Vietnam and Indian. For the fifth time within 10 days, Communist China fighter jets flew into Taiwan's air defense identification zone [9].

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Wuhan Coronavirus

It appears that early on, China withheld valuable information from the World Health Organization; resulting in many unnecessary deaths [1]. This raises virus questions; where and how did it originate? There are two trains of thought as to where the coronavirus originated; from nature or a lab. Thus far, no bat viruses found are similar enough to SARS-CoV-2 to be a direct ancestor [2]. This comes as a former boss of the British MI6 concluded the virus was engineered in a Wuhan

lab and accidentally released [3]. The ex-MI6 chief, suggested Chinese scientists may have conducted gene-splicing on corona viruses found in bats [4]. Meanwhile, the co-author of the British-Norwegian study (published in the Quarterly Review of Biophysics), Norwegian scientist Birger Sørensen, claims the study proves the coronavirus's spike protein contains sequences are not natural and appear to be artificially inserted [5]. In the meantime, China appears focused on becoming

the first country to have a vaccine for the coronavirus [6]. One of their tools for accomplishing this is to hack into other's research. Case in point, one piece indicates China is hacking British coronavirus vaccine researchers [7]. In 1984, China signed the Biological Weapons Convention accord. The question here is has China continued bioweapons research? For instance, a Soviet defector indicated China has had germ accidents tied to such work [8].

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I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.—Mahatma Gandhi

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Terrorism

In Minneapolis, a black man (George Floyd) was arrested for using a counterfeit \$20 bill; during the arrest a white police officer was filmed suffocating the man who died during the incident [1]. Former Obama administration national security adviser Susan Rice suggested Russia was behind the protest violence that followed [2]. After discovering rocks and bricks were dropped off in advance for use against police; law enforcement officials are probing a coordinated criminal actors [3]. Attorney General Barr indicated there are three actors involved with George Floyd's death; protesters, looters, and extremist agitators [4].

Last month, President Trump reportedly said Antifa would be designated as a terrorist group [5]. Then in Seattle, Antifa militants claimed responsibility for occupying a portion of the city [6]. On June 20, inside the Capitol Hill Organized Protest (CHOP), a shooting killed one person and wounded another [7]. Finally, Turkey claims a Kurdish group is training Antifa in Iraq and Syria [8].

In New York, a Balkan immigrant accused of stabbing and

shooting two police officers is being investigated as a terror attack [9]. In England, at least three people were killed by a knife wielding attacker [10]. The suspect in the stabbings is reported to be a Libyan national and the incident is being investigated as an act of terrorism [11].

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*Let not him who is
houseless pull down the
house of another, but let
him work diligently and
build one for himself, thus
by example assuring that
his own shall be safe from
violence when built.—
Abraham Lincoln*

Economy

Unexpectedly, the unemployment rate dropped to 13.3% in May from 14.7% the previous month [1]. This news helped the NASDAQ Composite to reach an inter-day record high [2]. On June 8, the NASDAQ Composite closed at another record high [3]. Then on June 9, the Nasdaq composite closed at another record high and briefly broke the 10,000 level [4]. On June 10, the Nasdaq Composite set another record high and closed above 10,000 for the first time [5]. However, on June 11, the markets fell over 5% with the DOW plunging 7% [6]

For the week ending May 30, the number of first time unemployment claims was 1,877,000 [7]. For the week ending June 6, the number was 1,542,000 [8]. Finally, for the week ending June 13, the number reported was 1,508,000 [9].

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The limitation of riots, moral questions aside, is that they cannot win and their participants know it.

Hence, rioting is not revolutionary but reactionary because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, but it must be followed by a sense of futility.—Martin Luther King, Jr.
