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The Houthis continue attacking ships. This time, they used a drone boat to hit a Greek-owned vessel that ended up taking on water [1]. Shortly thereafter, the Houthis fired two missiles at a cargo ship, setting it afire [2]. Then on June 27, another commercial ship was hit by a waterborne improvised explosive device [3]. In response, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution demanding the Houthis stop their attacks [4].

Major military countries continue to expand their nuclear weapons capability [5]. For instance, one estimate indicates China's nuclear arsenal expanded last year from 410 warheads to 500 [6]. This comes as NATO is expanding its nuclear force [7]. Another report indicates, last year North Korea added 20 nuclear warheads to its inventory and now has approximately 50 devices [8].

Meanwhile, China continues its aggressive military actions. For example, China's coast guard seized Philippine rubber boats in a contested area of the South China Sea [9]. Additionally, China is threatening death sentences to those in Taiwan that resist unification [10].

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Israel War

The war with Hezbollah is heating up. Case in point, over 200 projectiles were launched into Israel [1]. Additionally, Hezbollah is threatening to attack Cyprus if that country helps Israel [2]. Then on June 27, Hezbollah fired a barrage of 40 rockets into Northern Israel [3]. This comes as Iranian sources are warning of a severe war if Israel attacks Lebanon [4].

Meanwhile, Chinese anti-tank missiles are being used by Hamas fighters [5]. Additionally, fighting continues in the northern and south-

ern parts of the Gaza [6]. Once again the US Navy constructed pier, built to supply Gaza with needed humanitarian supplies, is showing to be of limited use. For instance, because of expected bad weather, the pier is being dismantled [7].

The Gaza conflict costs to Israel continue to mount. Case in point, two soldiers were killed bringing the total number of deaths to 318 [8].

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Special points of interest:

- NASDAQ and S&P 500 Record Highs
- May CPI 3.3%

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If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.—
George Washington

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Terrorism

Eight ISIS-K suspected terrorists from Tajikistan, were arrested in New York, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles [1]. Sources claim the eight arrested were planning terrorist attacks in the US [2]. What's more, the Department of Homeland Security has identified 400 migrants that were smuggled into the US by ISIS [3].

Gunmen attacked places of worship in Russia's southernmost Dagestan province, killing at least 15 including police officers, an Orthodox priest, and a number of civilians [4]. The attack targeted synagogues and churches [5]. Russian officials blamed Islamic sleeper cells for the terrorist attacks [6]. A question here is how many such cells have poured into the United States by way of the open border?

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*Experience has shown how
deeply the seeds of war are
planted by economic
rivalry and social injustice.
—Harry S Truman*

Economy

The stock market indexes remain strong. On June 10, the NASDAQ and the S&P 500 closed at new record highs [1]. The two indexes continued record closes for 4 days running [2]. Then on June 17, the NASDAQ and S&P 500 closed at new record highs [3]. Record closes continued on June 18 [4].

Meanwhile, inflation measurements remain steady. For example, the annual Consumer Price Index rate came in at 3.3% for the month of May [5].

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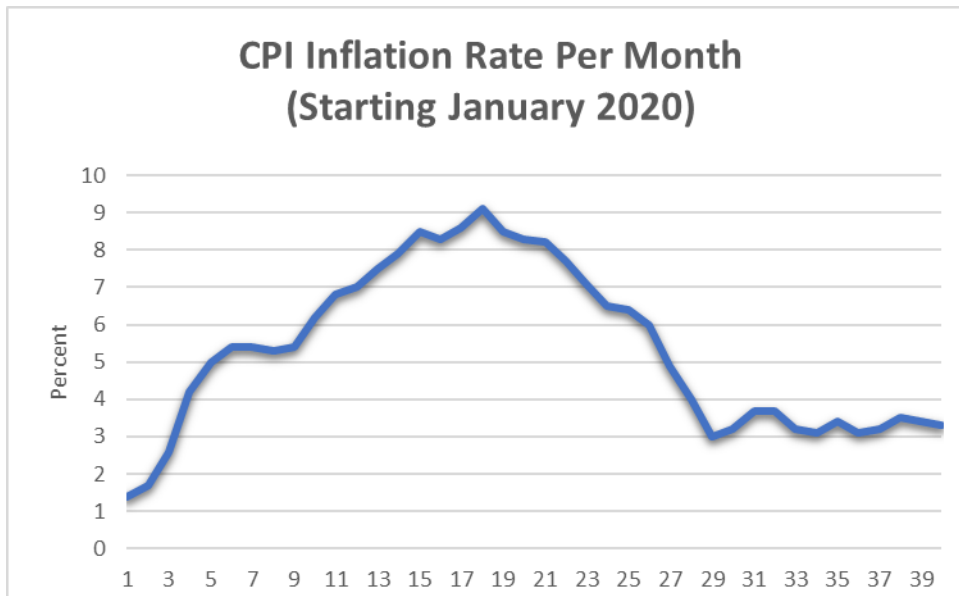
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*He who commits injustice
is ever made more
wretched than he who
suffers it.—Plato*
