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## Quick Quotes

### Nikki Haley Remains a Strong Trump Supporter

"In every instance that I dealt with him, he listened and he was great to work with."

*Interviewed about her newly released book, With All Due Respect, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** didn't perform as the liberal mass media wished. Instead, she praised President Trump as a good leader.*

### Catholics in China Forced to Honor Communist Leaders, Not Christ and Saints

"Transform believers in religion into believers in the party."

*The **South China Morning Post** approvingly noted that numerous steps are being taken to convert Chinese Catholics into worshippers of the communist Chinese government. In one church, a crucifix and a painting of the Virgin Mary were removed and replaced by portraits of Xi Jinping and Mao Tse-tung. Catholics are being told to join the government-run Patriotic Catholic Association that is not connected to the Vatican.*

### North Korea's Unusual Attention-getting Strategy Bared

"The North Koreans are telling the United States, 'We will have to do something very bad unless you do something for us by the end of the year, so please help us stop ourselves.'"

*A former South Korean negotiator who sought, but did not gain, reunification of the two Koreas, **Kim Hyung-ki** presented his unusual assessment of the current North Korea-United States impasse several weeks ago.*

### Secretary of State Sends a Warning to Beijing About Unrest in Hong Kong

"We have human rights standards that we apply all across the world, and Hong Kong is no different."

*Both houses of Congress have already approved legislation supporting the Hong Kong demonstrators. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** stated that the United States would oppose — with possible alterations in current trade arrangements and the possible imposition of additional sanctions — China's oppression of Hong Kong.*

### Trump Defender Gets Space in New York Times for His Opinion

"President Trump was doing exactly what voters elected him to do when he asked Ukraine President Zelensky to account for Ukraine's dealings with the Bidens. Exposing that system is a legitimate interest of the United States."

*As editor of the conservative publication Modern Age, **Daniel McCarthy** used the op-ed space provided him by the Trump-bashing New York Times to inject some sense into the impeachment crusade being*



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*waged by Democrats.*

## **U.S. Military Forces Are Stationed All Over the Globe**

“12,000 – 13,000 in Afghanistan; 6,000 in Iraq; 45,000 – 65,000 in Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf Nations; 6,000 – 7,000 in Africa; 78,000 in Japan and South Korea; 200 in Syria; more than 35,000 in NATO nations; more than 2,000 in the Philippines and Australia.”

*Providing the above numbers in an article appearing in the New York Times, **Thomas Gibbons-Neff** and **Eric Schmitt** conclude that President Trump is not so much ending wars as he is moving troops from one conflict to another.*

## **UN Leader Sings the Same Climate-change Song**

“The point of no return is no longer over the horizon. It is in sight and hurtling toward us.”

*At the start of the two-week international conference in Madrid, UN Secretary-General **António Guterres** pointed to the fears of “young people” who have been persuaded that humans are causing the Earth’s temperature to rise with catastrophic consequences.*

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