

# International Intelligence

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## *U.S. Homelessness Is A 'Human Rights' Issue*

Nov. 12—Raquel Rolnik, the UN Special Rapporteur for the right to adequate housing, has completed a seven-city tour of the United States. Rolnik, who will submit a final report to the UN Human Rights Council early next year, said, at the conclusion of her fact-finding mission: “The housing crisis is invisible for many in the U.S. I learned through this visit that real affordable housing and poverty is something that hasn’t been dealt with as an issue. Even if we talk about the financial crisis and government stepping in, in order to promote economic recovery, there is no such help for the homeless. I think those who are suffering the most in this whole situation are the very poor, the low-income population. The burden is disproportionately on them, and it’s, of course, disproportionately on African-Americans, on Latinos, and immigrant communities, and on Native Americans.”

Rolnik toured Chicago, New York, Washington, Los Angeles, and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as well as the Indian reservation at Pine Ridge in South Dakota.

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## *Medvedev Address Affirms Russian Policy Shift*

Nov. 12—Russian President Dmitri Medvedev delivered his annual State of the Federation message today, and struck some of the critical themes that have been at the center of Russia’s new collaboration with China.

This policy raises the prospect of Russia playing a pivotal role in what Lyndon LaRouche has identified as the Four-Power alliance to defeat the London-centered global financial oligarchy. LaRouche commented that Medvedev’s address was in accord with the required solutions to Russia’s problems.

Medvedev focused on the need for the Russian economy to be based on technological and scientific innovation, rather than raw material extraction for export.

Said Medvedev: “The nation’s prestige and national prosperity cannot be upheld forever by the achievements of the past. Oil and gas production, which provides a large share of the budget revenues; nuclear weapons that guarantee our security, industrial, and communal infrastructure—this was all, to a large degree, created by Soviet specialists. In other words, we didn’t create them. The time has come for us, the current generation of Russians . . . to raise Russia to a higher level of civilization. The well-being of Russia, in the near future, will depend on whether it will be successful in developing ideas, knowledge, and science; finding and supporting people who are creative; and bringing up young people to be intellectually free and active. . . .”

“We have to begin modernization of the whole industrial base.”

The President discussed Russia’s expanded role in state-of-the-art nuclear power, including a new generation of nuclear plants and fuels, and collaboration with other nations on thermonuclear fusion research.

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## *Ukraine’s Vitrenko Puts ‘LaRouche Plan’ on Agenda*

Nov. 12—Ukraine’s Central Electoral Commission yesterday completed preliminary certification of 18 candidates for the country’s Jan. 17 Presidential election (which may or may not be held, because of high flu death rates). Each candidate was required to put up a deposit of the equivalent of more than \$300,000 to run.

Natalia Vitrenko, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party, was not certified. She offered a payment of 1964 hryvnias (about \$250), which was re-

jected, and denounced the payment requirement as unconstitutional.

The same day, Vitrenko launched a new campaign, counterposing Lyndon LaRouche’s economic policies to those of the International Monetary Fund. Under the headline on her website, “Save the World from Onrushing Catastrophe—International Signature Campaign: The LaRouche Plan To Save the World Economy Must Be Placed on the Agenda” is the full text of Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s appeal, issued Nov. 3 by the Schiller Institute. In her statement Nov. 11, to all regional organizations of the party, Vitrenko said: “The liberal economic model, imposed by the IMF on the whole world, not only has led the world economy into crisis, and is bringing on a global catastrophe. . . . The wealthy countries . . . are hiding from the essence of the problem in a cowardly fashion, and are incapable of showing the political will to save humanity.

“We are obliged to demand, putting forward a specific plan of action, that they do so. On all the continents of our planet, people are beginning to gather signatures under this document.”

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## *Afghanistan Abyss Needs ‘LaRouche Plan’ Solution*

Nov. 12—President Obama’s decision *not* to make a decision yet on troop deployment to Afghanistan, is another sign that, without Lyndon LaRouche’s Four-Power approach to the global crisis, there is no solution possible. LaRouche reiterated today that there can be no positive solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict until the British Sykes-Picot paradigm is ended; the same is true for Afghanistan.

As Obama left for a week-long trip to Asia today, he told his national security team and military advisors that none of the “four options” presented to him—from a 48,000 troop increase (which LaRouche dubbed a “McChrystal Clear

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**GORDON BROWN**, Britain's Prime Minister, claims to have lined up anywhere from 4,000-5,000 more troops from NATO countries to join the U.S. in Afghanistan—if President Obama can be pressured to expand the land war in Asia.

**DAVID KILCULLEN**, the Australian retired general, who is the top counterinsurgency advisor to Commander of the U.S. Central Command Gen. David Petraeus, told *The Guardian* (Nov. 13) that President Obama should stop “pontificating” about sending 40,000 troops to Afghanistan: Send them, or face a “Suez debacle.” Of course, it was Britain, Israel, and France that suffered a debacle at Suez—not the United States.

**HILLARY CLINTON**, U.S. Secretary of State, said on Nov. 15 that “the United States has no long-term stake in Afghanistan,” and that “its primary objective is to defeat al-Qaeda.”

**JAPANESE** Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama told Myanmar's Gen. Thein Sein, at the Mekong Summit in Tokyo early in November, that Japan will gradually expand its assistance to Myanmar.

**ITALIAN ECONOMY** Minister Giulio Tremonti said on Nov. 11 that EU dictates will not induce Italy to implement “pension reform.” “If this means cuts, never with me,” he said. “Pensions mean the life of persons,” Tremonti said, adding that the Italian state pension fund has no deficit.

**INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER** S.M. Krishna met in New Delhi Nov. 11 with Chinese Communist Party Central Committee member Liu Qibao, and stressed the importance of good bilateral relations. The international campaign over the Dalai Lama is intended to block any such positive development.

Folly”), to the 10,000 added troops for a limited counter-terror deployment—are acceptable.

The *Washington Post* today leaked the news about classified cables that the U.S. Ambassador in Kabul, Gen. Karl Eikenberry (ret.), a three-star general who had served as a commander in Afghanistan, had written to the President, allegedly saying that, because of the corruption and the “erratic behavior” of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government, there should not be a further deployment of troops to Afghanistan at this time.

### ***Lisbon Treaty's Fascist Boot Digs into Europe***

Nov. 10—Czech President Vaclav Klaus signed the European Union's Lisbon Treaty Nov. 3, allowing the consolidation of the Anglo-Dutch oligarchy's control over the erstwhile sovereign states of the EU. Klaus, who bitterly opposed the Treaty, signed only after the country's Constitutional Court today announced its ruling that the Treaty was compatible with the Czech Constitution, a ruling Klaus opposed.

“The Czech Republic will cease to be a sovereign state” once the Treaty enters into force, Klaus said, after signing it.

The electorate of only one European country, Ireland, was allowed to vote on the Treaty, in a referendum. To the oligarchy's great displeasure, the Irish soundly defeated the measure last year. According to EU provisos, if any one country disapproved of the Treaty, it could not be implemented. So the Irish were forced to vote again, “to get it right.” After being subjected to pressure and mass propaganda, Ireland succumbed to the oligarchs' demand on Oct. 2.

The EU Commission wasted no time, announcing, the same day as Klaus's signing, that it intends to start budget deficit lawsuits against Germa-

ny and other European countries soon. Deficits cannot exceed 3% of GDP, under the EU's earlier Maastricht Treaty budget criteria, which had not hitherto been enforced.

### ***Obama, Congress Demand Vicious Budget Cuts***

Nov. 13—Washington leak sheets such as *Politico* have begun to put out the line that President Obama is going to shift his focus to “solving the deficit” by the time of the January 2010 State of the Union speech. This comes amidst statements to that effect by Office of Management and Budget director Peter Orszag and others, and translates into murderous austerity.

A precursor was given at Senate Budget Committee hearings Nov. 10, where numerous Senators voiced their commitment to have Congress approve a special Commission which would dictate brutal cuts in entitlement programs, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and veterans' benefits.

The Commission would dictate budget cuts and tax increases which an emasculated Congress could only vote up or down as a package—no exercising of Congress's constitutional role to deliberate and legislate on matters of taxation and expenditure.

Speaker after speaker at the Nov. 10 hearing declared that the Congressional “regular order” is broken, and that a “special process” is needed. Sen. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), and former Controller of the Currency David Walker, who now heads the Peterson Institute, both complained that none of the current health bills, even the Baucus bill, slash costs enough. As Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), a co-sponsor of one of the commission bills, put it, “We need an irregular order ... to take it out of the political process.” Evan Bayh (D-Ind.) called what they are doing “an institutional insurrection.”

*EIR* calls it fascism.