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IV. MOSCOW SAYS U.S. PLANS TO "KOREANIZE" INDOCHINA

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Since American-Saigon troops started their intrusion into the territory of Laos, a new term has appeared in the U.S. language-- "Koreanization of Indochina", Dmitriy Volskiy writes in a note for the magazine New Times.

What is meant by these words? Comparing the situation on the Korean peninsula with the situation in Indochina, American ruling circles are hatching plans for the division of the entire Indochina Peninsula, according to the Korean example. Of course, it is difficult to determine exactly where Washington's experts intend to draw the demarcation line in reshaping maps. But one thing is clear: The United States plans to transform wide areas not only of South Viet-Nam and Cambodia, but also of Laos, into their own newcolonialist preserve. Being puppets obedient to masters from beyond the ocean, American military bases, and possible (indefinite) American occupation-- this is what is being cooked up for the peoples of Indochina in Washington's political kitchen.

This is not a new plan. As far back as five years ago, the Western press reported that the Pentagon has worked out a plan of occupation by U.S. troops of a whole number of areas in Laos and Cambodia, which are next to South Viet-Nam. Now, American strategists, having met with increasing losses in the war they started, are trying to implement such plots, leaning on the puppet Saigon army, which it intensively rearms and re-equips, and on the air force and naval and land might of the United States itself. At the same time, the Pentagon and White House do not at all exclude the (? possibility) of using American land troops as happened in the spring of 1970 in Cambodia, and as, judging from everything, is happening now in Laos.

In this way, the main contraction of the war in South Viet-Nam, its de-escalation, announced at one time by President Nixon, is in fact leading to expansion of American aggression to the entire Indochinese Peninsula. In striving to "Koreanize" Indochina, Washington is more and more impudently violating the Geneva Agreements without taking into account its own obligations, state boundaries, or world public opinion. But such a policy only leads the United States further and further into an impasse, and gives rise to even greater opposition from all the peoples of Indochina and a growing rebuff even in those circles which Washington got accustomed to looking on as its own allies.

In practice, this kind of plot could result in new defeats and failures, which will be greater the wider and scale of American aggression.