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1. "Some 14,000 - 15,000 persons, mostly Kara-Kalpaks, were deported compulsorily during March and April 1952 from the towns of Turktul, Khiva, Urgench and Nukus in the Kara-Kalpak A S S R and from Tashauz in the Turkmen S S R. They were resettled in the large cotton kolkhozes around Chimbay and Karauziak [Kara - Uzyak?] and in the Khorezm oblast. These kolkhozes had been prepared as early as summer 1952 for the reception of these deportees.

2. "The homes and lands of these deportees were expropriated by the authorities and transferred to the administration of the SREDAZHYDROSTROY Trust. This Trust is erecting buildings for the Turkmen Canal. The homes - at least in Khiva, Urgench and Nukus - have been allocated to non-Kara-Kalpaks who are being permanently resettled in the area. The newcomers are mostly Russians, but they include nationals from other Soviet republics including the Baltic States. In March 1952 about 8,000 Russian workers and their families arrived in the area.

3. "Even native Kara-Kalpaks who had been actually employed on canal construction have been resettled to make room for the newcomers.

4. "[fnu] Rakhmanov, a high Party official of the Uzbek SSR is in charge of the whole resettlement project."

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