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1. A freight train was derailed on the night of 22 Feb 54. It was en route between Merv and Krasnovodsk. The accident took place at a place called Iptsen /sic/ between Goksujur and Dsudsuklu. /sic/, The locomotive and eight cars were destroyed. Three other cars caught fire. There were four dead and seventeen wounded, which seems a suspiciously large number for a freight train. There is no evidence showing whether this was sabotage or an ordinary wreck.

2. Ammunition, arms, and hand grenades, said to be specially adapted to cavalry use, were found by the Soviet authorities in the mill of Zuhtu Karabash, situated west of Derbent. Karabash, referred to as "old Zuhtu", did not stand up under torture. He revealed that the whole supply of arms belonged to a group of nationalists, operating in the mountains of Djalgan, Djufu, and Zekdak. Toward morning, the old man was taken to a clinic (an indication of the treatment he had been receiving) but on the way to the clinic, he was killed by an unknown man.

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