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In May 1953, the public security departments of the Northwest provinces redistributed the labor work for the "Reform Through Labor" convicts within their jurisdiction. In late June, the labor work chiefly consisted of land reclamation, lumbering, mining, and road construction. Work previously done by the convicts included the making of cloth shoes, socks, towels, bedclothes and other handicraft products. In June the projects included the following:

- a. Shensi Province: Reclamation work in Kanchuan (N 36-16, E 109-20), Paoan (N 36-58, E 108-55) and Wuch'i (N 37-06, E 108-26); and lumbering in the mountain areas of Ch'inling (N 33- , E 107- ).
- b. Kansu Province: Reclamation work in Changyeh (N 38-56, E 100-37), Lintse (N 39-18, E 100-13) and Kaotai (N 39-21, E 99-58); and mining at the Akanchen (N 35-56, E 103-43) coal mines.
- c. Ninghsia and Tsinghai Provinces: Reconstruction work on the highway between Tsinghai and Tibet.
- d. Sinkiang Province: Local construction work.

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] in late 1952 approximately 600,000 persons including landlords, suspect Communists and former Nationalist soldiers were held in slave labor camps in North Shensi Province. Personnel from these camps were building trenches, highways, deep bunkers, emplacements and dams. Both the voluntary and forced movement of unemployed personnel and technicians for various Chinese Communist projects in the Northwest has been reported periodically by [REDACTED]

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