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BEGOVAT -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 5 Jul 53

Situated on the Syr-Dar'ya River in the Fergana valley, Begovat is one of the progressive industrial centers of the Uzbek SSR. The Farhad (a tributary of the Syr-Dar'ya) hydroelectric power station supplies not only Begovat but other industrial centers of the Uzbek SSR also.

Begovat is known as the "Steel City," but in addition to its steel mills it has cement plants, cotton cleaning plants, and many other industries. In 1953, Begovat supplied the coal mining area of Akhan-Garan with industrial products above plan valued at 9 million rubles. Begovat is the center for training cadres for metallurgical plants in other parts of the Uzbek SSR. In addition, Begovat supplies experienced personnel for the operation of excavation machines.

One third of the city's budget for 1953 has been set aside for schools. There are at present ten secondary schools in Begovat.

MARGELAN -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 17 Aug 53

Margelan is the center of the silk industry and is renowned for the variety of its silk textiles. Margelan's gigantic silk combine, which operates night and day, is one of the best known establishments in the Uzbek SSR. Every day, millions of meters of silk products are sent to the different parts of the Soviet Union. The workers of the combine have been supplied with modern houses, parks, recreation, centers, motion picture and other theaters, and health centers.

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In addition, many more smaller silk factories and artels produce various assortments of silk textiles. The Baynalmilal (International) Artel has grown rapidly and is actually a large silk plant. The stores of Margelan carry the high-quality products of this artel. Other important silk artels are the Artel imeni Stalin and the Artel imeni Kirov. A new building is now being constructed for the mechanized dress factory. Each of the artels has its own recreation park, clubhouse, library, and children's center.

The most important streets of Margelan are Lenin Kutcha, Stalin Kutcha, and Kirov Kutcha and the avenue leading to the Gorchakov Station, which is lined with trees and tall buildings. All these streets have been electrified. In addition to several tekhnikums, there are in Margelan a teachers institute and a 10-year school.

A children's center, several polyclinics, and hospitals serve the workers and other inhabitants of Margelan.

KOKAND -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 26 Aug 53

Kokand is one of the oldest cities in the Fergana valley of the Uzbek SSR. During the Tsarist regime, it was a hotbed of lawlessness and ignorance. At that time there were about 350 mosques and madrasahs in Kokand. There were innumerable opium and dope dives, and the people were oppressed by the stooges of the Tsarist government, the rich landowners, and the Moslem clergy.

Now Kokand has become one of the leading industrial centers in the Fergana valley. It has a hosiery and knitting factory, an electrical machinery plant, the "Bolshevik" Plant which serves the oil industry, a chemical plant which supplies the cotton fields with tens of thousands of tons of superphosphate, a knitting and textile mill, a cotton carding plant, a creamery, a sugar refinery, meat and bread combines, automobile assembly plants, a food combine, and sewing and shoe factories.

A butter extract plant is now under construction. There are a number of industrial artels in the city. The creamery of Kokand has for the last 3 years been outstanding in the quality of butter produced.

There are 22 seven-year and secondary schools in the city. In addition, there are a teachers' institute, a petroleum tekhnikum, preparing the necessary cadres for the oil industry, an agriculture tekhnikum, a school for chauffeurs, a school for medical assistants and midwives, a music school, and an industrial school preparing cadres for railway operation.

Kokand has now five hospitals, two obstetrical centers, three dispensaries, tens of first-aid centers, an X-ray laboratory, medical apparatus for rush calls, and other medical equipment.

Diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, and goiter which previously infested the area have been completely eliminated.

New aqueducts supply Kokand with water. Kokand is also famous for the water from its artesian wells. Kokand has 26 public libraries and the Furkat and Mukimiy recreation parks.

A museum containing all available informative material on the Uzbek SSR is being constructed now in the center of Kokand.

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Hundreds of buses and taxis circulate daily in Kokand's streets, which are being paved with asphalt. New parks, new avenues, and new social centers are constantly being built.

Kokand is the birthplace of T. Zahidov, president of the Academy of Sciences Uzbek SSR, of Professor Urazbayev, scientist and laureate of the Stalin Prize, and of Abdullah Gahhar, a writer and also a laureate of the Stalin Prize.

NUKUS -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 13 Jun 53

Nukus, capital of the Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR, is situated on the eastern bank of the Amu Dar'ya River near the Charszhou-Kungrad-Makat rail line, which is under construction. Its main industries are a plant for cleaning lucerne seed (which is sent to all parts of the Turkmen SSR), shoe and dress factories, and many smaller industrial plants. The recently completed motor assembly plant supplies MTS of the Turkmen SSR with high-quality motors. In addition, there are in Nukus a creamery, a bread combine, and a lumber mill.

Among the city's educational institutions are a pedagogical institute, an agricultural tekhnikum, a hydrotechnical institute, and a school for medical assistants and midwives. Every year, hundreds of teachers, medical workers, agrotechnicians, and other specialists graduate from these institutions.

The state-owned Stanislavskiy Theater of Nukus presents both musical plays and dramas.

Hundreds of Communist Party members and government workers are trained at the Evening University of Marxism-Leninism in Nukus or at the city's Communist Party school.

Nukus is connected by air with Moscow, Tashkent, Ashkhabad, and other important industrial centers.

Water pumping stations will be erected along the Kizketken canal, which runs through Nukus.

There are plans for the construction in Nukus of new schools, ministry buildings, a communication center, and a branch of the Academy of Sciences Uzbek SSR.

KARSHI -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 13 Jun 53

Karshi is the main city in the cotton and wheat producing Kashka-Dar'inskaya Oblast, Uzbek SSR. Its main streets are Lenin Kutcha, Stalin Kutcha, Molotov Kutcha, General Rakhimov Kutcha, Dzerzhinskiy Kutcha, Maksim Gor'kiy Kutcha, and Kommunist Kutcha. More than 500 new apartment buildings were completed during the last 3 years.

Large locomotives and rail cars are assembled in the rail depots of the city.

In addition to elementary schools, there are in Karshi a teachers institute, and a school for medical assistants and midwives.

Karshi has a creamery and a cotton carding plant. Preparations are under way for the construction of an electric power plant and a meat combine.

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AKHAN-GARAN -- Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 9 Jul 53

Akhan-Garan is situated between two mountains in the coal basin of the same name in the Uzbek SSR. With the assistance of Russian miners and mining experts, the natives of the Uzbek SSR are being trained in mining the coal of the area.

Hundreds of youth are trained every year at the training combine of the Uzbekugol' Trust of Akhan-Garan. There are more than 500 experts at this combine.

This newly created city has a public library with 11,000 books. Some 5 million rubles were spent in 1952 for workers' medical care. In recent years many two-story houses were built along Kaganovich Kutcha (street) and Puskin Kutcha of Akhan-Garan. Large apartment houses are rising now on the new Zhdanov Kutcha, which a few years ago was open land. During 1952, 6,000 square meters of living space were made available to the public on this street.

Akhan-Garan is completely electrified. Two new school buildings, a hospital, and a children's nursery home will be completed in 1953. Over 6 million rubles will be spent during 1953 to modernize Akhan-Garan. This is three times the amount which was spent in 1952.

A briquette factory is being built at present in Akhan-Garan. The construction of a brick plant, a meat combine, of a bread combine, and the new headquarters of the Uzbekugol' Trust has already been completed.

Experts are now at work supplying Akhan-Garan with gas.

Tashkent, Kizil Uzbekistan, 30 Aug 53

New modern buildings and apartment houses were completed recently in Akhan-Garan. Among them, the bread combine, the new three libraries, and several new office buildings are noteworthy.

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