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1. The work of widening and deepening the Baltic-White Sea Canal was pushed ahead intensively during the year 1953. In certain sectors of the canal, the work went forward night and day. Night work was illuminated by military searchlights, the current being furnished by floating generators.
2. In the sector: Nadvoitsk and Belomorsk, eighty labor brigades were organized, employing more than 3,000 civilians. Almost as many Soviet engineer troops were employed.
3. Nine kilometers south of the port of Nadvoidski, a new military hydroplane base is under construction. The locality is completely cut off, and is under protection of naval units from the Lake Omega flotilla. The base of this flotilla is in the port of Povomets. At the same time, in the island of Klimetaki ^{sig} on Lake Omega and in the port of Shala (south coast of Lake Omega) big military radio stations are in course of installation.

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