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PREFACE

The translator has added to this English translation of the German original material from entries in the second edition of the *Great Soviet Encyclopedia* (1950-1958). New population data has also been supplied based on an article in *Pravda*, February 4, 1960. Some additional facts have kindly been furnished by Professor N. Poppe and Mr. James E. Bosson. However, to undertake a more extensive revision would require a new work of large size.

This edition has been prepared with the permission of the author, who also made some minor revisions; these changes, however, are not specially marked. Added information is given in brackets at the place in question. An index of place names and tribal names has been added for the convenience of the reader. In order to reduce the cost of publication, the maps of the original edition were omitted.

An unauthorized translation of Jyrkänkallio's work was issued in 1953 by the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State (35 pp., mimeographed). It is fairly accurate, but contains no additional information. It has served as a starting point for this edition.

With a view to aiding quick reference, tribal names have been given in capital letters when they first appear in the sections devoted to them. Such names of Turkic and other peoples have been given with a plural form in -s (as Shors, Uzbeks), unless ending in a sibilant (as Karagas, Chuvash). Usage in English is not uniform in this respect. The spellings of place names mostly follow those on the maps of the National Geographic Society (Asia, 1951). The transcription of Turkic words employed follows that customary in English works on Central Asian languages.

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