

the extensive debris-covered site of Uzun-tati traced by me in the desert some forty miles farther south and identical with the *Pi-mo* of Hsüan-tsang, Marco Polo's *Pein*. A variety of relevant considerations set forth in my detailed reports points to the conclusion that the successive abandonment of both Dandan-oilik and 'Pi-mo' was due to the same cause, the difficulty of maintaining effective irrigation for these outlying settlements.