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As Israel anxiously guards her frontiers - work continues on the new railway linking Beersheba with Tel Aviv - on the Mediterranean Coast. Planned, chiefly, for the transport of minerals ~~and phosphates~~ from the Dead Sea Area - the new line brings modern travel to the Negev Desert - where ancient customs have survived the centuries.

Yet side by side with peaceful progress - Israel is building up her defensive strength. A passing-out parade of Officer-Cadets is reviewed by General Moshe Dayan - the Chief of Staff.

Following the recent incidents - in which four Israeli policemen were killed while ~~patrolling~~ patrolling the Sea of Galilee - a state of armed tension exists on the Syrian Border.

~~Some of the farm workers, employed on the banana plantations, are forced~~  
Farm workers to carry arms - to protect themselves against possible ~~attacks~~ attacks from across the border.

Another source of Middle East friction is the Jordan Water Project - a scheme devised to ~~conserve and~~ harness the <sup>RIVER</sup> waters ~~of the Jordan~~ to produce hydro-electric power.

But The proposed new river channel, however, passes through the ~~demilitarized~~ demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria - and work has stopped while a United Nations' representative investigates the dispute.

Meanwhile, as conflicting ideals halt the march of modern progress - an ~~age~~ age-old enemy, a plague of locusts, brings a reminder that only by joint efforts, can the Middle East raise the living standards of its peoples.