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BEATING THE BOUNDS - - Beefeaters
escort the "executioner" on picturesque promenade of
the Tower of London boundaries.

-London-

Picture:-

The Yeomen of London, better known as Beefeaters,
emerge from--

--the tower to lead the ceremony of--

--Beating the Bounds. The Yeoman Warden, complete
with the Tower Mace--

--of mediaeval authority leads the beaters to the
various boundary stones.

The executioner comes along also to cut short
any--

--argument with a stroke of the - - er - axe.

The practice of beating the bounds dates back to--

--Anglo-Saxon times and was initiated to maintain the
Parish--

--boundaries and to ask a blessing upon the coming
harvest. The entrance to Trinity House covers one--

--of the boundary marks. Much beating brings them
back to the--

--Tower. Glad to note that the axe is still clean.

All the local school-children are given a day's
holiday to thrash the proper--

--places with the customary willow switch, so for once
in a --

--while the kiddies delight in a thrashing. The--

--executioner and beef-eaters return to the bl- er the
Tower, and the vegetarians go home.