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Unfavorable soil and climatic conditions often inhibit nations' efforts to establish and maintain agricultural productivity. Here, a man works on a desalinization project in Jordan. See page 245. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization photograph.