## Is your Passport in Order?

TT hile getting into Canada, Bermuda and most of the islands of the West Indies requires only proof of U.S. Citizenship and onward passage, it is another story when preparing for certain other trips abroad.

In addition to getting a passport and making sure of hotel accommodations and transportation, many countries they are granted at border posts or other points of entry.

The visa is official approval of the foreign government for entry and travel within the borders of the country. In some instances visas must be obtained before departure from the United States. In other countries they are granted at border posts or other points of entry.

Check with your travel agency, airlines or steamship company when beginning preparations for travel. Usually in the United States, visa applications can be obtained from foreign embassies or consulates Washington, or cities where diplomatic missions are maintained. Send application, passport, fee and photographs by registered mail, and include a self-addressed and stamped (or \$1) envelope for return by registered mail. Allow at least 10 days for the transaction.

fttimes you will have to pay a fee for your visa. In Africa, for example, the visa costs about \$12, and you will need two pictures. A valid passport will get vou into Morocco and Tunisian Africa. But Ethiopia charges \$3.20 for a visa and Kenya and Zambia \$3.15 each.

If you are going to stop in the Congo Republie, have on hand a passport, \$7 for a visa, three pictures, a police certificate, proof of financial responsibility and an onward transportation ticket. Latin America and the Caribbean require only a passport or other proof of nationality, or a tourist or transit-

But if you are planning to visit Venezuela, be sure to have a tourist card. You will be able to get in alright, but getting out without the tourist card could cost you up to \$18.45 in departure fees.



## Real "Crossroads of the World" is United Nations Complex in New York

Tew York—stand on any street in the six-block area that holds the United Nations' complex and it is like watching a parade of all the peoples of the

Africans in colorful dashikis, Asians in flowing robes, chic natives, of France, and Arabs in tyrbans transport you, in fancy, to the four corners of the globe, and it's all

right in the front yard of America.

Some are diplomats, officials or employees at the United Nations complex, which covers 18 acres between First Avenue and the East River from 42nd to 48th Street.

Many are visitors from every continent. Some may be your next door neighbor from Washington. But all are interested in getting a look at the diplomats from 120 countries and to see the settings in

which they meet to discuss the

tour to and through the four buildings that make up the complex now ranks as one of. the main attractions of New York City. Since the Visitors Service began operations in 1952, more than 16 million persons have taken guided tours through the buildings and surrounding gardens.

The tours are conducted by girl guides who are selected from 45 countries for their personality, loveliness and linguistic ability. They usually are college graduates, who speak at least one other language than English. And while they may be wearing their native garb, it is also likely that they will be wearing the newly designed gold, white and blue uniforms when you see them this summer-

he United Nations' headquarters is easily accessible by bus and subway from most parts of the city. And of course there are sightseeing services.

Visitors usually enter through the lobby of the General Assembly Building at 45th Street. Gifts from nations of the world decorate the buildings, including that directly in front of the entrance ... a glasstopped case containing a facsimile of the U.N. charter opened at the pages bearing the signatures of the representatives of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

The majority of the tours are conducted in the English language, but arrangements can be made in advance to have them in any one of the 33 languages spoken by the

Special tours can also be booked for the blind, deaf and other physically handicapped.

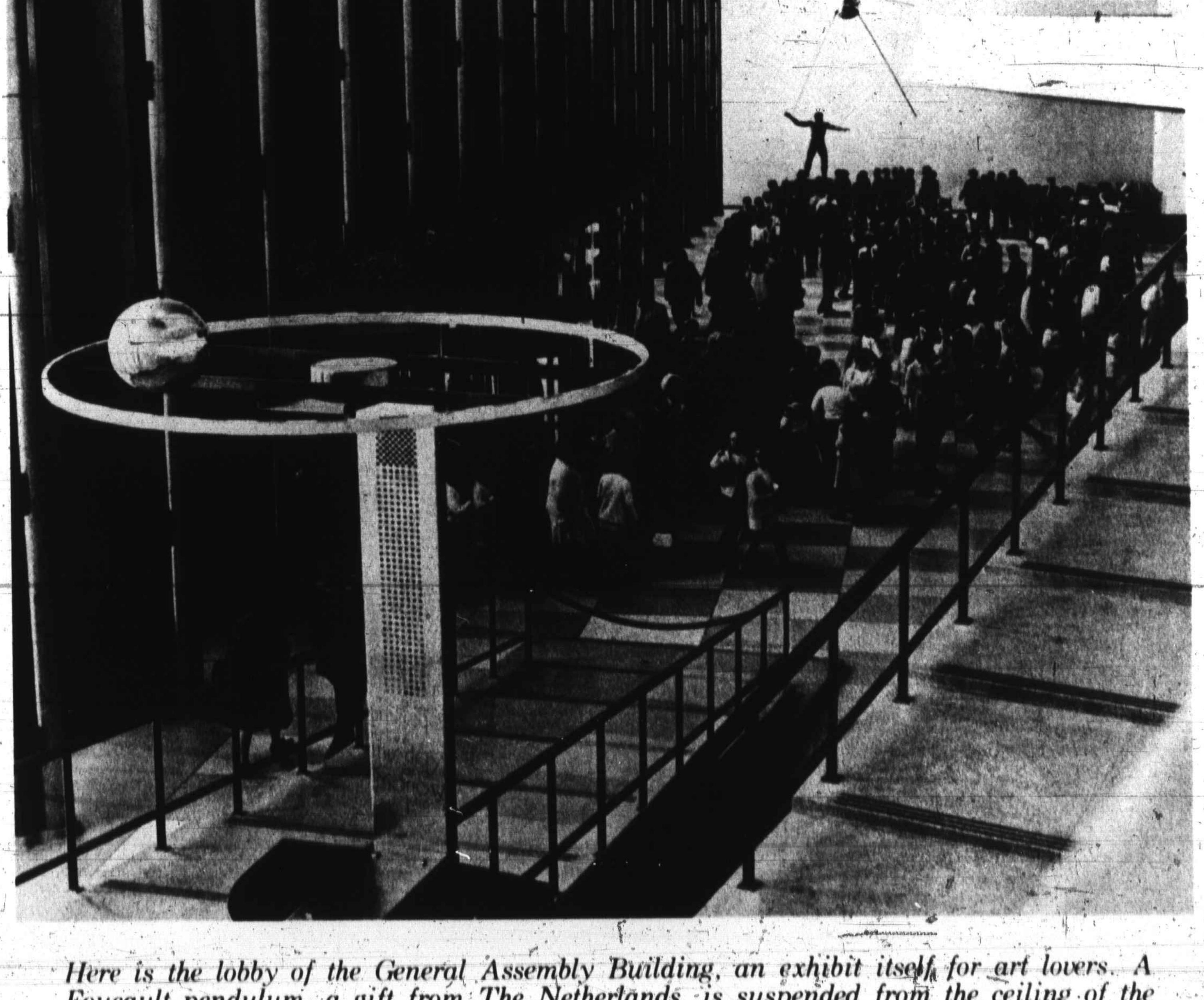
The tour takes about an hour

and includes visits to the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Social Committee Hall. The guides provide an expert explanation of the workings of the U.N. and its various committees. Also guides give descriptions of the buildings and the furnishings and works of art donated by member

with earphones in which speeches are translated into English.

The tours begin at 9 a.m. The last tour begins at 4:45 p.m. The fee is \$1.25 for adults. Children, stu dents and servicemen pay 50c.

A cafeteria and souvenir, book and gift shop are located on the lower level of the General Assembly



Foucault pendulum, a gift from The Netherlands, is suspended from the ceiling of the United Nations' General Assembly lobby. It offers visual proof of the earth's rotation. In the background is a cast of the statue of Poseidon (a gift from Greece) and above it a model of the first space satellite, "Sputnik," a gift from Russia. (Courtesy New York Convention. and Visitors Bureau.)