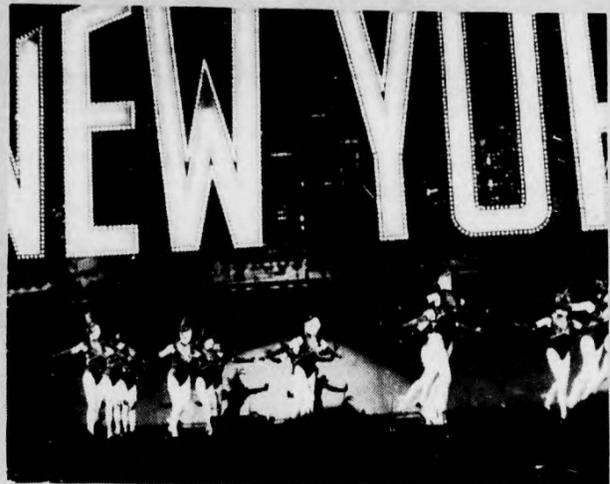


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Some of the tired travellers before the long drive back home.



A scene from the show, "The Americas" presented at Radio City Music Hall.

"The tours," Clarke said, "place the traveller in terms of direction." It is an introduction to the city and although we didn't spend much time at each place, it gave a "snapshot of New York."

As well as the scheduled tours, as I previously mentioned, the participants had some free time to do as they pleased. Therefore, I talked to some of the people on the tour and found out what they saw and did. Among those places and items of interest were the following: viewing the city at night from the top of the Empire State Building (1,472 feet high) and also a view from the World Trade Centre on Wall Street; a visit to the Museum of Natural History --finding dinosaurs and other ancient animals; a tour through the New York Public Library which contains 26,000,000 titles; taking pictures on the steps of the Dakota Apartment Building where John Lennon was killed; a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral; catching the Knicks and Cleveland Cavaliers Basketball game at Madison Square Gardens; watching Broadway shows such as "A Chorusline;" "Annie;" "Death Trap;" eating pretzels sold on the corners of streets; seeing Bag Ladies who sleep and live on the streets; shopping at Massey's, Korevettes, Bloomingdales; watching a show at Radio City Music Hall; riding in Checker Cabs with CRAZY drivers and phenomenal traffic lines; seeing and meeting people of all nationalities; Italian, Puerto Ricans and also your typical New Yorker with the drawl. Some people wore pins with green ribbons that said "Save Our Children" -- in support of the Atlanta killing problems; one girl in our group even jogged through Central Park in the wee hours of the morning.

Some participants ate at such restaurants as: Nathan's, Katz, Snow White, Le Crepiere, The China Bowl, Ying, Wendy's, and Brew N'Burger where you could pay for your meal and drink all the brew you could at no extra charge. Some of the clubs included Salley's, the Adam's Apple, and the Village Pub.

Some familiar sights were that on every block there was a liquor store which stayed open late at night; in front of any of the Broadway theatres there were a string of Lincoln Continentals, and Cadillacs. Subways were filthy and as a matter of fact, a rat scurried across in front of one unfortunate soul.

Even so, the general consensus among the group was that they enjoyed the trip and would love to go back!

Clarke says, "I'm always pleased by the things the participants of the trip choose to do. In a theoretical way the tour is not like a trip to Florida where the students and participants go to raise hell, the trip draws the adventurous students who like to see a tremendous variety of things."

Personally I was extremely impressed with the city, with it's 9 million people and massive opportunities to see different lifestyles and beautiful scenery. Therefore, I brought along a 35 mm camera and decided to act the role of journalist as well as photographer. It was a lot of fun and the anticipation before we left almost killed me; however I'd like to thank those people who cooperated with me in telling me what they saw and did. Mike and Rick too bad we didn't get a picture of the expression on your face when you got lost on the subway in Harlem! John, sorry I didn't get a picture of that smile after you came out of the 25 cents "peep" show. Sorry Karen, Rosie and Cheryl that your picture didn't turn out for print.

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