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Conga Dancing, Washington DC, Acme Photo/National Geographic Image Collection Their spirits high, Washingtonians form a Conga line and dance as they wait for a White House announcement of the end of the war. Old and young, stout and slim, servicemen and civilians—they cavort in Lafayette Park, opposite the White House. 8/14/45.

From The National Geographic Image Collection: Photographs of Social Life in Washington DC, 1900-1960 September 7-November 30, 2012

Washington DC—Carroll Square Gallery opens From The National Geographic Image Collection: Photographs of Social Life in Washington DC, 1900-1960 on Friday, September 7, 2012, with a public reception from 6:00-8:00pm. The exhibition will remain on view through November 30, 2012.

This selection of photographs offers a glimpse of social life in Washington DC between 1900 and 1960, as documented by the National Geographic Society. Whether participating in fashionable activities or working through leaner times, the people in these photographs give faces to the lives beyond the monuments of the nation's capital.

Selected from thousands of published and unpublished works in the National Geographic Image Collection, these 30 photographs comprise the first public exhibition in Washington DC of vintage work from the Collection. Each photograph will be presented with its original caption to contextualize the work within a historic narrative. Viewers are invited to explore the fascinating evolution of the social landscape in the District through six decades of life in Washington DC.

Carroll Square Gallery 975 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004 202-347-7978 www.carrollsquare.com

Gallery open during business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-6:00pm

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