

APRIL 1977 DAY BY DAY

DAY 16 WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

San Francisco: Protesters learn that Ed Roberts plans to visit Washington D.C. to lend support to protest. **Washington DC:** With little sleep, San Francisco delegation meets senators Alan Cranston and Harrison Williams in congressman Phillip Burton's office; protesters discover that few restrooms in capital are accessible.

DAY 17 THURSDAY APRIL 21

San Francisco: Protesters hang on; committees still active; in downtime some play cards, musical instruments, eat home-cooked food from Black Panthers, talk late into the night. **Washington DC:** SF delegation spends day lobbying; gives up on meeting with Carter or Califano after repeatedly being rebuffed. Group of eight meets with Stuart Eizenstat, Carter's Chief Domestic Policy Adviser. Evening vigil held outside the White House.

DAY 18 FRIDAY APRIL 22

San Francisco: Four protesters return from Washington D.C. and hold evening press conference with demonstrators outside the SF Federal Building. CA assemblyman Milton Marks and many supporters attend. **Washington DC:** Armed police block entrance to national HEW office as SF delegation tries to meet Califano. Senator Cranston and twenty-eight senators write or sign letters of support.

DAY 19 SATURDAY APRIL 23

Washington DC: Day of rest; protesters deal with hot, sticky weather.

DAY 20 SUNDAY APRIL 24

Washington DC: SF delegates lobby outside Jimmy Carter's First Baptist Church; President escapes through the back door. Protesters plan to hold rally in front of the White House for next day.

DAY 21 MONDAY APRIL 25

Washington DC: Lutheran pastor, the Reverend John Steinbruk invites Carter and Califano to prayer breakfast with the protesters but gets no response.

DAY 22 TUESDAY APRIL 26

San Francisco: Over 100 protesters remain inside the Federal Building; dozens of Bay Area supporters continue demonstrating outside. **Washington DC:** SF delegates and over 100 demonstrators march in front of the White House and hold a rally. Parallel events take place in Los Angeles, Dallas, and Hartford, CT.

DAY 23 WEDNESDAY APRIL 27

Washington DC: SF delegation protests in front of hotel where Califano is holding an event. With their press passes, occupier Michael Williams and journalist Evan White gain access and corner Califano with tough questions. Most SF delegates fly home, six remain in Washington.

DAY 24 THURSDAY APRIL 28

Washington DC: Califano signs the Section 504 regulations without fanfare. News of success spreads fast; some protesters worry it might be a trick. Attorneys later confirm regulations signed unchanged. **San Francisco:** Protesters are elated; vote to wait for Washington group to return so everyone can leave the building triumphantly together. Occupier Margaret (Dusty) Irvine ends a twenty-one day hunger strike.

DAY 25 FRIDAY APRIL 29

San Francisco: Spirits are high. Protesters clean up HEW offices; they celebrate one last night in the building together; bonds are strong and not everyone wants to leave; they vow to carry on the disability rights struggle.

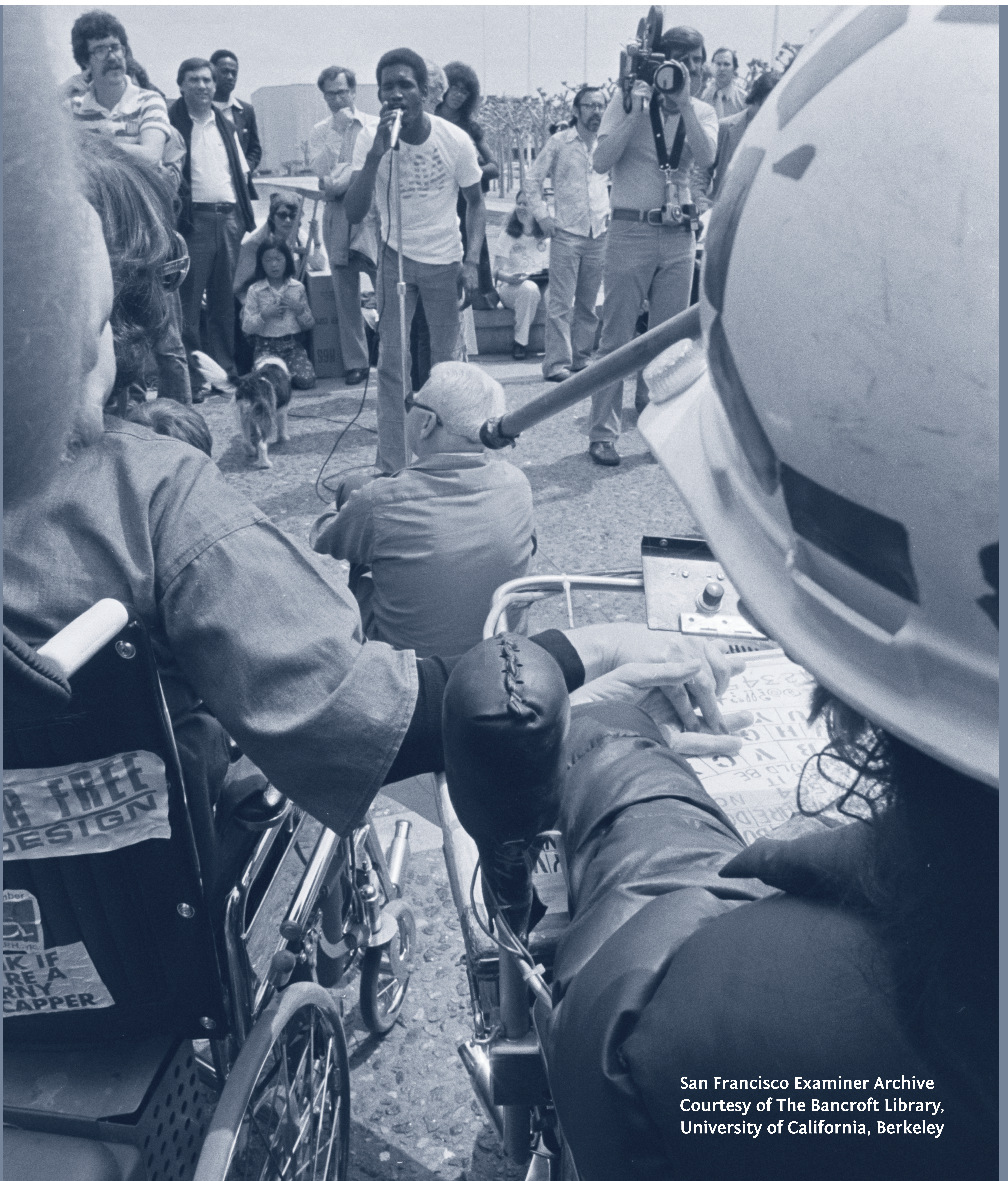
DAY 26 SATURDAY APRIL 30

San Francisco: Late morning the occupiers leave the building to cheers from many HEW employees and security staff; they join a public rally on UN Plaza and toast their victory with champagne.

KEY

ACCD: American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities
ASL: American Sign Language
CIL: Center for Independent Living (Berkeley)
D.C.: Washington D.C.
HEW: Health, Education, and Welfare
IAM: International Association of Machinists
SF: San Francisco
UN: United Nations

Occupier Dennis Billups stirs the victory rally crowd in UN Plaza on April 30th 1977.



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