

# APRIL 1977 DAY BY DAY

## DAY 7 MONDAY APRIL 11

**San Francisco:** Early morning, protesters give daffodils to arriving HEW staff. Congressmen Phillip Burton and George Miller announce a semi-official “hearing” will be held inside on April 15th. More than 120 protesters now in the building fear the regulations will be diluted. Buttercup Restaurant, Brick Hut lesbian cooperative in Berkeley, and Glide Memorial Church donate dinner. Neighborhood pharmacists help with medicines for protesters. Channel 7 journalist Evan White commits to telling the protest’s story and reports on his travels downtown in a borrowed wheelchair.

## DAY 8 TUESDAY APRIL 12

**San Francisco:** Organizers have one incoming phone line. Congressman Burton pressures Regional Secretary for HEW Joseph Maldonado for three more lines so protesters can obtain food and medical supplies. Georgia senator Julian Bond visits the protest and connects the sit-in to the 1960s civil rights movement. CA assemblyman Tom Bates sends a letter of support signed by forty-six members of the California Assembly to President Carter. City Council of Pacifica passes a resolution supporting the Section 504 demonstration. Thirty Junior National Association of the Deaf students participate in a vigil outside the building.

## DAY 9 WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

**San Francisco:** CA assemblyman Milton Marks asks Maldonado to let sit-in numbers return to 150, allow in eight ASL interpreters, and restore the phone lines. SF protesters learn of Washington D.C. activists’ vigil to support them. Committees monitor press coverage, raise money to support the occupation and prepare for next day’s hearing. Wheelchair races in hallways let off steam.

## DAY 10 THURSDAY APRIL 14

**San Francisco:** Daily food deliveries from the Black Panthers, Glide Memorial Church, and others sustain the protest.

## DAY 11 FRIDAY APRIL 15

**San Francisco:** 10.00am–4.00pm Congressmen Miller and Burton hold hearings inside the occupied building by declaring room 406 a “satellite office of Congress.” Individuals from diverse groups give testimony on the 504 regulations. *SF Chronicle* reports that most of the original 150 protesters remain inside. Outside, hundreds attend a public rally. Senator Alan Cranston sends telegram of support.

## DAY 12 SATURDAY APRIL 16

**San Francisco:** After a long meeting, occupiers elect a delegation of twenty-five to go to Washington D.C. to put pressure on Secretary Califano to sign 504 regulations. Concerned for their health, some occupiers leave to join supporters outside.

## DAY 13 SUNDAY APRIL 17

**San Francisco:** Conditions get more difficult inside the Federal Building, and some report developing body lice and crabs. But food keeps coming and hopes remain high as protesters make plans for going to Washington. SF protest has raised \$5,000 to send the delegation, including significant funds from International Association of Machinists (IAM).

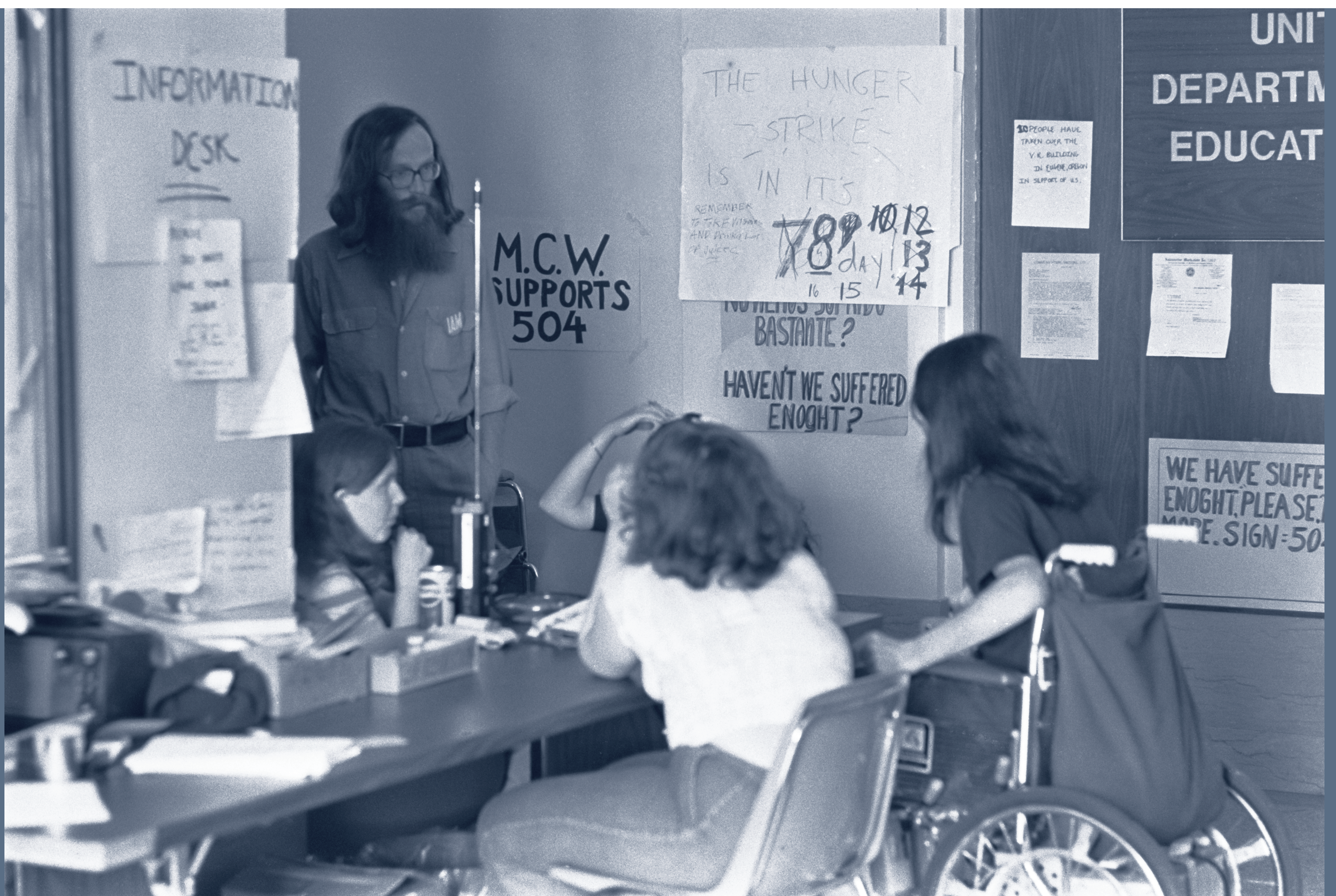
## DAY 14 MONDAY APRIL 18

**San Francisco:** Mayor Moscone has mobile showers and towels brought in, but local HEW officials push back. Moscone gains White House support; portable showers installed.

## DAY 15 TUESDAY APRIL 19

**San Francisco:** About seventy-five occupiers vow to hold the fort while eighteen of them and seven attendants fly to Washington. **Washington:** Newly arrived San Francisco protesters travel in rented windowless truck with a hydraulic tail lift to Califano’s house to hold a candlelight vigil until dawn. Most stay at the Lutheran Place Memorial Church, sleeping on foam mattresses on floor; eat food provided by local Washington IAM.

Below: SF protesters meet at the “Information Desk” for the latest news.



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