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On April 19, 1977, a group of fifteen protesters and attendants flew to Washington D.C. to lobby politicians. A press conference at San Francisco airport drew attention to the trip. Left to right: Hale Zukas, Ron Washington, Lynette Taylor and Judy Heumann.



Photograph by Hollynn D'Lil

Deaf protester Dale Dahl signs through the window to interpreters outside the building who relayed messages. With limited access to telephones, American Sign Language became a political tool that allowed protesters to maintain contact with the outside world.



Left: Payphones were the only way for many protesters to organize more support and keep in touch with loved ones.

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