

# Rosalynn Here for Demo HQ Opening

By Julie Smith

Rosalynn Carter, in town last night to open a Democratic headquarters, charmed a wall-to-wall crowd that needed no convincing anyway.

The opening of the shabby "people's headquarters," as San Francisco Democratic Central Committee chairman Agar Jaicks called it, at 1236 Market street, was a lighthearted, if somewhat sweaty affair.

About 750 persons jammed the place, while outside street artist Dale Axelrod, dressed in a comic President Ford outfit, peddled "presidential pardons" for a dollar.

Inside, no fewer than two "people's ministers" — the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Jones of People's Temple — and a gaggle of Democratic politicians, smiled from the platform.

Mrs. Carter, looking fresh after a day of campaigning in Sacramento and Los Angeles, was introduced by State Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy, who in turn was introduced by State Senate candidate Bob Mendelsohn.

"It makes me feel good all over to see you here," she said sweetly. "We need you."

Then she talked for a while



Rosalynn Carter was greeted here by (from left) Bob Mendelsohn, Agar Jaicks, Leo McCarthy and Cecil Williams

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about what a good Georgia governor her husband Jimmy had been and giffled girlishly before going

on to why he would be a good president. The greatest advantage her

husband has, she said, is that he's been "out meeting people" all over the country."

"I know Jimmy Carter will be a better president for it," she said. "Our country is leaderless. We need a leader. Jimmy Carter is a leader."

Mrs. Carter also emphasized the grass roots aspect of the campaign. "We want a government that's fair," she said. "This is what I feel Jimmy Carter can bring to government. For the first time, a president can be elected with no strings attached."

Earlier in the day, while she was campaigning in Sacramento, Mrs. Carter had to answer a few tough questions — about abortion.

She said at a press conference that the abortion question is "very much" a recurring issue, adding that "it's asked me every day."

Mrs. Carter said she and her husband had discussed the abortion issue at length and said, "for me, I don't think I could ever do it."

As for other women, she said, "Just because Jimmy is a candidate for president, I don't have all the answers. I don't believe I could make up my mind what another woman should do."

After the Sacramento press conference, she met with Governor Edmund Brown in his office.

The meeting, she said afterward, was concerned mostly with recalling Brown's recent visit to the Carter home in Plains, a time, she said, when, "I cooked a lot of vegetables, seems like, fried chicken and a roast beef."