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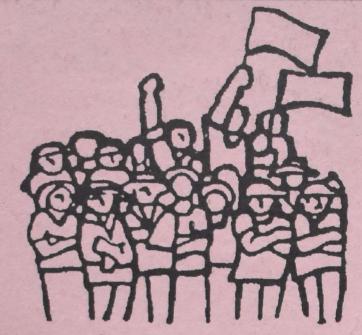
Left: Participants at 1993 Labor Notes Conference singing "Solidarity Forever"

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