DEAR READER,

I HAVE JUST COME FROM A MEETING
AT WHICH NINE OR TEN PEOPLE
THRASHED OUT THE CONTENTS OF THIS HANDBOOK,
AND I AM EXCITED.

A FEW HUNDRED IDEAS WERE FERVENTLY EXPRESSED
ALL BY WAY OF SUGGESTION.

OH, I SUPPOSE A FEW OF US FOCUS
ON YOU FOLKS DOING WHAT WE SAY YOU SHOULD DO,
BUT MOST OF US MOST OF THE TIME ARE OBSESSED
WITH THE MOVEMENT'S OVERSTUFFED STORES OF SURPRISE.

NOTICE: NO ONE HERE'S SAYING
HERE IS WHAT YOU FOLKS SHOULD SAY,
THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DEMAND,
THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD OPPOSE,
NO! THE CONTENT OF THIS BOOK IS FORM:
ITS MESSAGE IS HOW-TO,
HOW-TO!
PLEASE, LET'S MAKE IT HOW-TO,
IN THE SPIRIT OF SHOW-US.

NOW, CULTURAL CORRESPONDENCE
CRUSADES AGAINST THE CULTURE HOLE:
THE LYING MEDIA,
THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINARIANS
THE PROFESSIONAL LEFTISTS
ALL THE EXPERT PONTIFICATORS
TAKE OUR HUMAN INTEREST
IN BEING AND BELONGING
TO SOMETHING LARGER THAN OURSELVES,
AND THEY BURY IT OUT IN THE BACK,
PIGEON-HOLING OUR HOPES
TO PROVE ALL IS HOPELESS.
WE SAY NO MATTER WHAT THE SOCIAL ORDER
NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION
WE WILL CREATE OUR OWN CONNECTIONS DEEPER
THAN THEY WILL CAREER THEIR LITTLE CATEGORIES.
AND WE WILL ALWAYS
FIND OUR WAY TO SPEAK.

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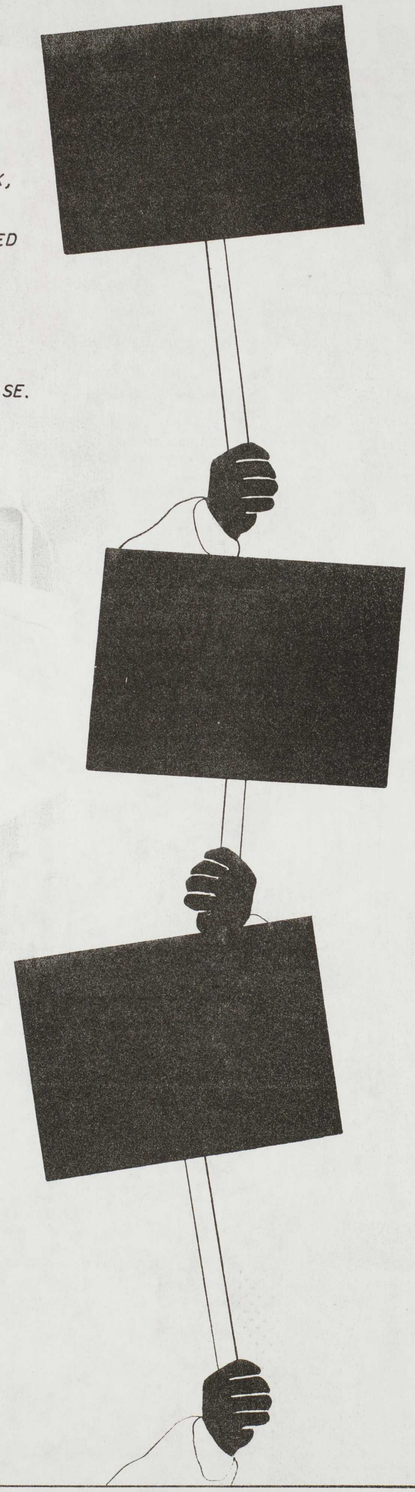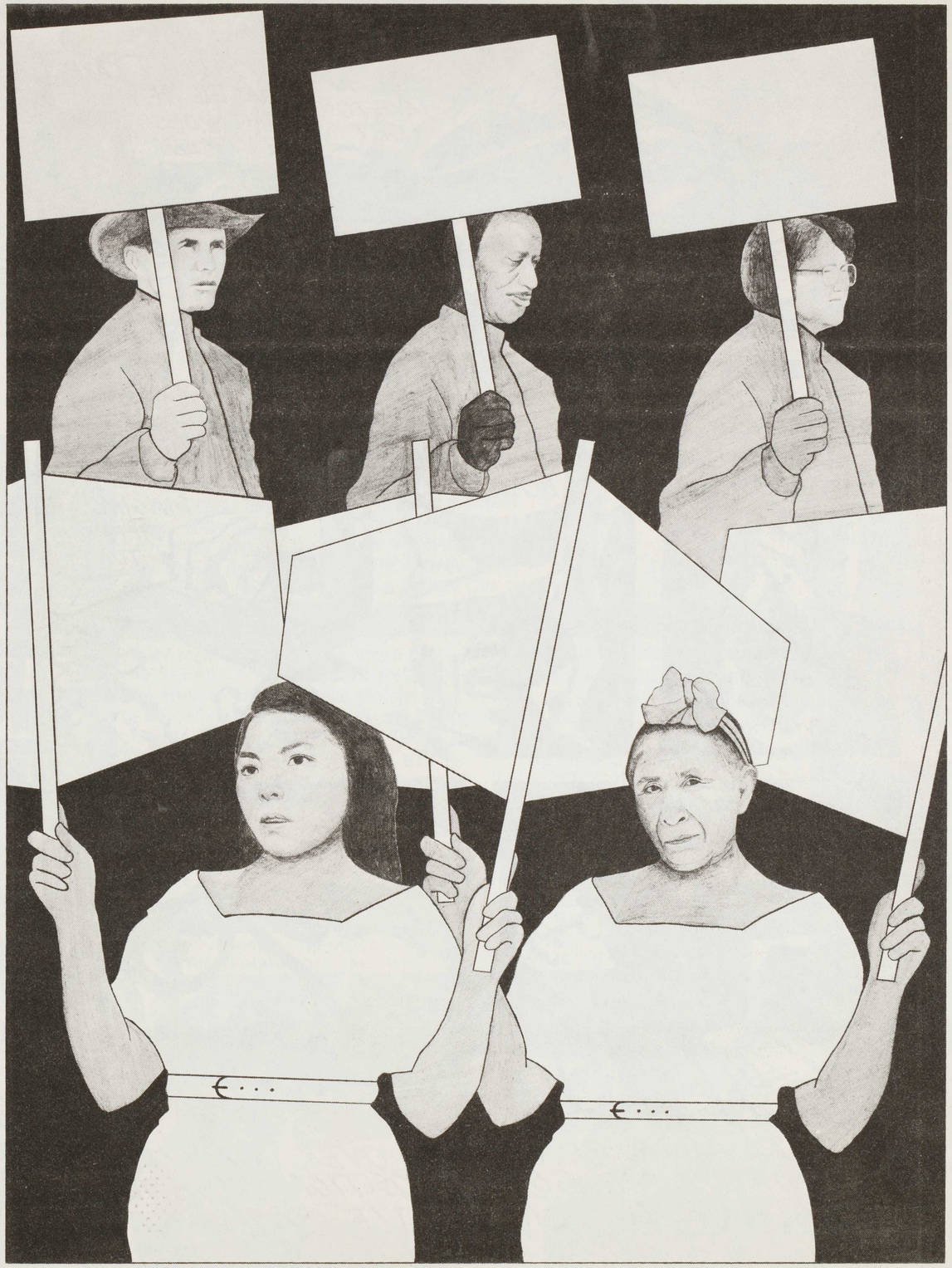
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