
Telegrams to the Joint Unity Convention
Founding the Socialist Party of America
(July 29 & 30, 1901)

I.

Terre Haute, Ind. [July 29, 1901].

As I cannot be present, I send greetings to the convention, and best wishes for the success of its deliberations.

Eugene V. Debs.

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II.

Terre Haute, Ind. [July 30, 1901].

The expression of the convention is gratifying to the extreme.¹ May a united and harmonious party crown your labors. Press reports do not disturb me. I am a socialist. A thousand thanks to the delegates for their personal expression. But for illness in my family I would be with you.

Eugene V. Debs.

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¹ Reference is to the telegram dispatched to Debs by the convention on the morning of July 30 denying a report in that day's edition of the *Indianapolis Sentinel* that Debs was being "shelved" by the unified organization.