Warning Notice
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Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 21, 1900.

To our Comrades and Friends:—

The persistence with which the report is circulated that I have re-
signed, or intend to resign, in favor of the Democratic candidate,\(^1\) impels
me to issue this denial of the falsehood originated by the capitalist press to
deceive and mislead our friends and supporters.

Comrade Harriman and I have been nominated as candidates for Vice-
President and President, respectively, of the Social Democratic Party, and
we shall stand as candidates to be voted for on election day, all reports and
rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is not at all improbable that this report may be sprung afresh on the
very eve of the election, too late to be met and contradicted by the weekly
socialist press of the country, and for this reason I take the liberty to re-
quest all socialist papers, and any other that may be friendly to our party,
to publish this statement and keep it standing in the last three or four issues
preceding the election.

To resign at such a time would be rank betrayal, of which no honorable
man would be guilty; but if from any inconceivable reason such a step
became necessary, I would not under any possible circumstances resign in
favor of the Republican or Democratic Party. They are alike the represent-
atives of the capitalist system; they are one in the support of private prop-
erty in the means of production; they are agreed as to wage slavery; they
do not differ in their hostility to socialism, and I would as readily think of
resigning in favor of one as the other of these parties.

Our party comrades understand this, and cannot be misled; but there
is danger that some of our friends may be deceived, and hence this warning
note.

The Republican papers declare that socialists will vote for Bryan,
while the Democratic press charges that Socialists are in the pay of Mark
Hanna. These old campaign liars know better, but they understand each
other. This fall they will be made to realize that with all the corruption funds at their command there is no private property in socialists.

Others may prefer Capitalism and Slavery. We stand unyielding as a wall of granite for Socialism and Freedom.

Eugene V. Debs.

[Friendly papers please copy.]

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1 William Jennings Bryan, for whom Debs campaigned actively in 1896, was again the nominee of the Democratic Party in 1900.