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# Debs on Syndicalism:

## A Letter to H.M. Hyndman in London

### from Eugene V. Debs in Terre Haute, Indiana,

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Mr. H.M. Hyndman, London, Eng:

My Dear Hyndman:

I have just read your splendid editorial in the current issue of *Justice*, and I wish to drop you this line of thanks and appreciation not only for myself, but on behalf of many thousands of Socialists on this side who love you and hold you in highest respect for your uncompromising loyalty to the Socialist movement through all the years of your active life.

It is wonderful what a clear understanding you have of the situation on this side; much clearer, I must admit, than that of many of our own comrades.

Syndicalism has swooped down upon us, and the capitalist papers and magazines are giving it unlimited space, but the Socialist Party is in no danger on account of it. Just at present there are some sharp divisions and some bitter controversies on account of it, but the Socialist Party will

emerge all the stronger after syndicalism has had its fling.

The Anarchists are all jubilant over the prospect that syndicalism may disrupt the Socialist Party, but they will again be disappointed. There are many of our Socialists who favor syndicalism and sabotage, or think they do, but the party is overwhelmingly opposed to both, and will stick to the main track to the end. We are with you in your position, and in due time you will be once more triumphantly vindicated. Revolutionary political action and revolutionary industrial organization will finally win out against all opposition, both from without and within.

With love and greeting and warmest wishes,  
I am, my dear comrade,

yours always,

Eugene V. Debs.

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