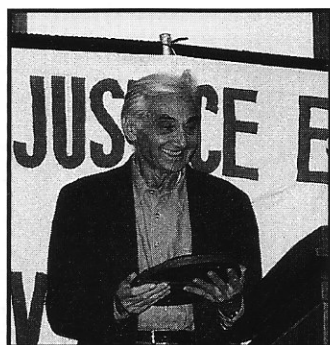


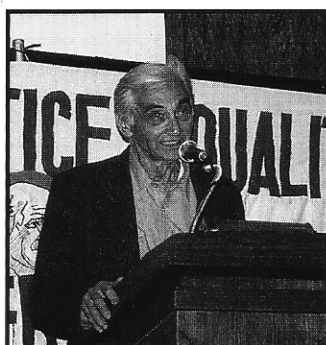
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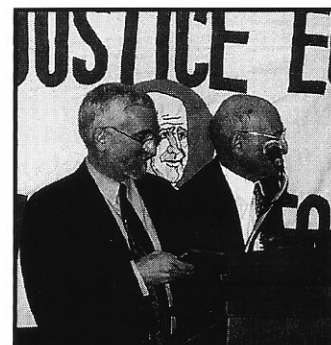
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*Zinn Receives
the Plaque & Applause*



Zinn's Acceptance Speech



*Beasley Receives
Service Award*

1998 Banquet

It's Our History, Also Our Obligation

Howard Zinn made clear his commitment to write a peoples' history of the United States, but hearing him you realize that his is a multi-faceted conception of "the people" and the events which make history. It has been historians such as Zinn who delved into the work lives and living arrangements of the working people we call the laboring class. It is important to this history who does what kind of work, how differentially power and the rewards of work are distributed, and it also is important to that history to record who doesn't work, and why?

Zinn spoke to an overflow audience at an afternoon session which preceded the award banquet. In addition to Zinn, a panel of well qualified persons spoke from their own experiences of what Zinn's work has contributed to their teaching. Arranged by Ralph Leck and moderated by Richard Schneirov, both in the department of History, ISU, formal presentations were made by Leck, and by Linda Lambert, High School Social Studies teacher, and Wilson Warren, History Department

and Social Studies Teacher Training at ISU. Each spoke of the inclusion of Zinn's work in their teaching materials and in the professional preparation of teachers of United States history.

Zinn was gracious and giving of himself throughout, in the question and answer session which concluded the afternoon event, during the reception-social hour, during his remarks upon receiving the award, and during autograph signing afterwards. In essence, he called us to be more conscious of what kind of history we are writing, and to see that we not leave anyone or any group out.

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on...**

1999 Banquet On October 30

Planning is well underway for the 1999 awards banquet scheduled for Saturday, October 30. Gloria Johnson will receive the Eugene V. Debs award, and Charles King will receive the Theodore Debs Distinguished Service award. Gloria Johnson is the President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and a member of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO. Her progressive leadership in organized labor includes also her membership in IUE AFL-CIO. Noted as a dynamic speaker as well as outspoken, progressive, this promises to be an exciting event.

The distinguished service award is given occasionally to a foundation member whose efforts in behalf of the Debs Foundation are deemed worthy of special recognition. This year it is being awarded to foundation secretary Charles King for fifteen years of service. Recently retired from teaching, King taught Sociology at Indiana State University for twenty-six years.

More information on the banquet, including ticket order information and how to send greetings for inclusion in the dinner program, will be in the fall issue of the *Newsletter*, due in September.

The Pullman Strike and The Crisis of the 1890s

Edited by Richard Schneirov,

Shelton Stromquist and Nick Salvatore

This book of essays on labor and politics at the time of the Pullman Strike-boycott is now available from the University of Illinois Press. The wide-ranging collection of essays by leading labor historians situates the Pullman conflict in its historical context, and demonstrate that Pullman played a pivotal role in defining the crisis of the 1890s, "shaping a changing legal environment, spurring the development of a regulatory state, and fostering a new politics of progressive reform".

This book is the outgrowth of a highly successful Pullman Strike conference held on the campus of Indiana State University in 1994, arranged by Richard Schneirov, foundation member and Professor of History at ISU. *Pullman Strike* is available in hard bound and paper. cloth: ISBN 0-25202447-8. \$49.95. paper: ISBN 0-252-06755-X. You may order from this website:

<http://www.press.uillinois.edu/s99/Schneirov.html>

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Woodrow Creason, *Treasurer*

The *Debs Foundation Newsletter* is published twice yearly for distribution to members and friends of the Foundation. The Eugene V. Debs Foundation is a non-profit, private organization which maintains the home of Eugene and Kate Debs as a museum and shrine to labor, and carries on educational and informational programs which aim to honor and promote the goals for which Debs struggled: industrial unionism, social justice, and peace. For those wishing to become members, an application form is provided elsewhere in this issue.

What Are We Up To? Or, Thoughts For A New Century

What... up to? An oft used expression of a felt need to take stock and seriously examine where we have been and are headed, or should be doing or not doing. The approach of a new century gives us in the Debs Foundation many good reasons to address these questions of purpose and program. The year 2000 will mark the centennial of Debs' joining in the founding of the Socialist Party, and in late September that year he opened his 1900 Socialist presidential campaign before a large and enthusiastic Chicago audience. Given the foundation's twin missions of historical preservation and education, planning must begin now for appropriate activities to commemorate this centennial. What we do needs to be "Debsian," meaning that it honor Debs and make his message relevant for a new century, and it also would be appropriate for it to be provocative and even controversial. Make noise!

As we approach the new century we are reminded also that we are nearing the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation, Inc., in 2002. It occurred to us that few current members have ever read the charter and by-laws under which the foundation has operated, so it was decided to reproduce them in this newsletter. As you read these documents and reflect on what we have been doing, hopefully you will sense that foundation programs have remained true to the charter's stated purposes of preservation and education, but hopefully also you will address your thoughts and share ideas on better ways to pursue our mission. Those individuals who almost 40 years ago charted the course for the

foundation did a phenomenal job of beginning and of carrying on. What if there had been no Tilford Dudley, Howard Hamilton, Curtis Culver, Woodrow Creason, Robert Constantine and Earl Stephanson to step forward in the early 1960s with a vision and sense of mission? To say the least, there today would be no Debs Home, and tens of thousands of adults and school children would not have benefitted from the educational and inspirational experience of touring the Debs Home with its presentation of Debs' life and the progressive era in American history.

So read the charter and by-laws in this issue, think a bit on what has been mentioned above, and share your thoughts with us.

Membership Dues: The Eugene V. Debs Foundation

NAME _____
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_____ \$ 5.00 Student Member _____ \$100.00 Sustaining Member
_____ \$10.00 Regular Member _____ \$250.00 Life Members
_____ \$25.00 Supporting Member _____ Other

Enclose remittance. Make checks payable to the Debs Foundation.

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Your dues and contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation owns and maintains the Debs Home and offers several educational and cultural programs. We are a voluntary organization with no paid staff.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
THE EUGENE V. DEBS FOUNDATION, INC.
(Abridged)

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Charles S. Hendricks
SECRETARY OF STATE OF INDIANA

1. The name of this corporation shall be The Eugene V. Debs Foundation, Inc.
2. The purpose or purposes for which it is formed are as follows:
 - a. To assist in developing and increasing labor education programs, conferences, and the development of educational materials and courses designed to meet the needs of labor leaders and their membership but not to engage in partisan political activity.
 - b. To receive, hold and administer such gifts of money, property, works of art, historical papers and documents, museum specimens and other material having educational, artistic or historical value of Eugene V. Debs and Theodore Debs and of labor unions of Vigo County and surrounding area, and by such other proper means as may seem advisable.
 - c. To restore such portions of the building at 451 North Eighth Street as a memorial and/or museum in memory of Eugene V. Debs as determined by the Board of Directors.
 - d. To receive, hold and administer such gifts with the primary object of serving the purposes outlined in the preceding paragraphs; to act without profit as trustees of education, or historical trusts; to administer gifts, grants or loans of money or property, real or personal, whether made by or for the benefit of public and private bodies, or by or for the benefit of corporations, labor unions, or natural persons, and whether in the form of conventional express trusts or otherwise, to become a party to contracts, trust instruments and agreements of any type or description, and to execute negotiable obligations, and trustees or otherwise, in order to effectuate either the creation or organization of trusts, or the execution of the purposes thereof.
 - e. To do such other acts and undertake such other enterprises as in the judgment of the Board of Directors shall tend to promote the interests and welfare of the purposes outlined above.
3. The period during which it is to continue as a corporation is perpetual years.
4. The post office address of its principal office is P.O. Box 843, Terre Haute (city), Vigo (county), Indiana (state).
5. The name of its resident agent is Earl M. Stephanson.
6. The post office address of its resident agent is 1601 South Sixth Street, Terre Haute (city), Vigo (county), Indiana (state).
7. If the membership are to be divided into classes the designations of the different classes, and a statement of the relative rights, preferences, limitations and restrictions of each class, together with a statement as to the voting rights of any such class:

The Charter members are designated in the By-laws to be adopted shall constitute the original members with voting rights. other voting membership shall exist as shall be determined by subsequent amendment to the By-laws by the Charter members and/or their successors.
11. A statement of the property and an estimate of the value thereof, to be taken over by this corporation at or upon its incorporation:

The property to be taken over by this Corporation is approximately \$1,300.00 in cash pledges and a conditional sale contract for the purchase of the Eugene V. Debs home at 451 North 8th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

BY-LAWS
of the
EUGENE V. DEBS FOUNDATION
(Incorporated)

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the EUGENE V. DEBS FOUNDATION (Incorporated).

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Foundation shall be to own, maintain and operate the Eugene V. Debs home at 451 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, on a non-profit basis, in order to:

- a. be a memorial to Eugene V. Debs and Theodore Debs and receive, hold and administer such gifts of money, property, works of art, historical papers and documents, museum specimens and other material having educational, artistic or historical value.
- b. serve as an archive and resource for research and education in the social sciences and in labor and political history.

ARTICLE III

The Foundation will accept contributions from any person or organization deemed acceptable by the Board of Directors but only those individuals and organizations that show sustained interest, by contribution or otherwise, shall be elected to membership in the Foundation by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by a Board of twenty-five (25) Directors who shall be members of the Foundation and elected by the members to the Board for that purpose.

The Directors may designate four or more members of the Foundation to be an Executive Committee and authorize it to act for the Directors between sessions of the Board. This, however, will not relieve the Directors of their responsibility for management of the Foundation.

The Directors may designate a House Committee, an Historical Committee, a Restoration Committee and such other committees as they deem helpful.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

There shall be a President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among its membership. Such officers shall have the duties normally associated with their respective offices, shall be responsible to the Board and shall hold their offices for one year.

There shall be from ten to twenty Vice Presidents who do not need to be Directors but who will be elected by the Directors from the Foundation membership to hold office for one year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

The Members of the Foundation shall hold annual meetings with-in six months after the close of the fiscal year. They shall receive a notice of the time and place of the meeting at least thirty days in advance in writing or by advertisement.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, including one meeting within six months after the close of the fiscal year. They shall receive a written notice of the time and place at least fifteen days in advance.

Proxies will be allowed at membership and directors' meetings. One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum at such meetings and the act of a majority of those present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the membership or the directors, as the case may be.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT

These by-laws shall be in effect when adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its meeting on October 23, 1962 and thereafter by a majority vote of the Directors at any two consecutive meetings where a quorum is present.

1998 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Eugene V. Debs Foundation

Expenditures:

General Telephone	\$ 1,069.92
Indiana Gas Co.	1,217.12
Utilities	421.61
AT & T	1,212.06
Indiana-American Water Co.	322.43
Terre Haute City Sewage	170.00
Cinergy	849.88
U.S. Postage	344.41
ADT	293.53
Cash Fund	188.19
Jewett Printing	3,305.84
Inweld Corp.	174.80
Markle Insurance	864.00
Gov. Copies	122.50
ISU Federal Credit Union	3,000.00
Meierjohan Wengler	435.00
Findly Campbell Lecture	150.00
Terminex International	324.00
Tanner Plumbing	210.07
University of Illinois Press	657.54
ISU Library	1,000.00
ISU Foundation (Scholarships)	2,000.00
Sociology Dept. (Postage)	83.68
Statesman (Advertising)	153.52

National Pen Corp.	89.06
William Wieter (Refund)	50.00
Terre Haute Tribune Star (Advertising)	589.20
Howard Zinn (Travel)	335.00
Marriott Catering	3,256.00
Hulman Center (Rental)	613.20
Central Labor Council N.W. Ind.	25.00
Ketner Electric	85.92
Merchants National Bank	15.00
Association of Indiana Museum	25.00

Total Expenditures \$ 23,299.07

Income:

Dues	\$ 5,680.00
Contributions	2,005.00
House (Memorabilia Sales)	1,680.00
Dinner & Ads	15,306.43
T. Dudley Foundation	1,000.00

Total Income \$ 25,672.18

Total Expenses \$ 23,299.07

Net Income \$ 2,397.11

Balance as of Dec. 31, 1997 \$ 4,400.70

Balance as of Dec. 31, 1998 \$ 6,773.81

MINUTES

Spring Business Meeting Eugene V. Debs Foundation April 10, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m., Noel Beasley presiding. Eleven members were present.

Noel opened discussion on a topic recently introduced, the question of a policy on local chapters of the E.V. Debs Foundation. A number of pros and cons were mentioned. The question of liability was raised: who speaks in the name of the foundation? What controls could and should the foundation maintain over local chapters? How would foundation goals be advanced by locals? Would there be problems of continuity and persistence in local leadership and in programs? What could a local group accomplish and do when given the status of a

local chapter as compared to what a local Debs Club could do without formal ties to the foundation? It was agreed that local enthusiasm is appreciated and helpful, but how is it to be channeled? Also, there are important legal aspects of the question which must be submitted to an attorney. It is hoped that by the fall business meeting we can become more focused on all relevant aspects of the topic and will be ready to look toward specific action on this important question.

Treasurer's Report

Creason reported that 1998 was a year in which income exceeded expenditures. No

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unanticipated large expenses were incurred, so a couple of thousand dollars have been added to local interest bearing accounts which can be drawn on for unanticipated expenses. The full financial statement will appear in the Spring *Newsletter*.

Secretary's Report

King mentioned a few housekeeping chores including that the Spring *Newsletter* will be late, but the fall issue should be out in September as usual. It appears from bids that the foundation work on the Home will be very expensive, but it is still seen as essential for preservation as well as appearance. Some landscaping is needed, including the removal of a linden tree which is obscuring part of the memorial wall (and providing a winter roosting place for starlings, with "effects" not good for the finish on the plaques directly underneath!).

King also mentioned the attendance at this meeting of Sister Diane Drufenbrock, in itself not unusual, but significant in that Sister Diane is moving from Terre Haute to Milwaukee and thus will be able to attend future business meetings less frequently. The comment that our loss is Milwaukee's gain met with hearty applause.

New Business

Beasley announced the 1999 banquet date:

Saturday, October 30. Gloria Johnson, who is CLUW President and AFL-CIO Executive Council member, will receive the Debs Award. Beasley also announced that the "other" executive officers propose that the foundation secretary be awarded this year the Theodore Debs Distinguished Service Award in recognition of 15 year's service. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on possible afternoon activities for the banquet day -- an educational-motivational program involving the award recipient and the keynote speaker, a gravesite ceremony, etc., and it was agreed that at least one such program will be planned. It was mentioned that the year 2000 is significant for us in that it marks the centennial of Debs' joining the formation of the Socialist Party and making his first run for the Presidency of the United States. These events must be given every possible attention by the foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Charles King
Secretary

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