

Allen Salisbury: 'Keep Fighting'

In the early hours of Sept. 14, the beautiful soul of Allen Salisbury, one of the original signers of the Schiller Institute's Declaration of the Inalienable Rights of Man, soared into eternal life. Allen had been diagnosed as having cancer of the colon in early 1991. The doctors gave him only months to live. Allen defied death for almost a year and a half, and finally triumphed over it. His last words were: "Keep fighting."

We do not always get to choose the field upon which life's most important battles must be fought. And yet it is in how we fight, in those adverse circumstances which we least expect, that the true mettle of our souls is tested. This was not a battlefield of Allen's choosing, but once the battle had commenced, he and his wife Pat, fought to the very end for the principle of life, as against the "culture of death."

A few days before Allen's final words, he was visited by the Rev. James Bevel, who thanked Allen for being a pathfinder in having the courage as an African-American to join and lead the political movement of Lyndon LaRouche.

The Rev. Bevel then spoke the following prayer: "Dear Lord, thank you for this brother, Allen, and his courageous fight in this moment in which his brothers and sisters need him the most. If it weren't for his fight at this time, his brothers and sisters might have learned too late that Jesus said to pray all the time and not faint; that there are no hours or schedules to a revolution; that we must fight for truth and leadership every moment of every day.

"Now let ministering angels be with Brother Allen, and take away his pain. He's gone through the wall of fire. You need suffer pain no more. You can be completely at peace. Your brothers and sisters have learned your most courageous and beautiful lesson—which was most unexpected—when it was most needed. Brother Allen, you know that just as in your living in Christ's example, he lives for-

ever, that in what we learned from you at this most unexpected moment, you will live forever in us. Amen."

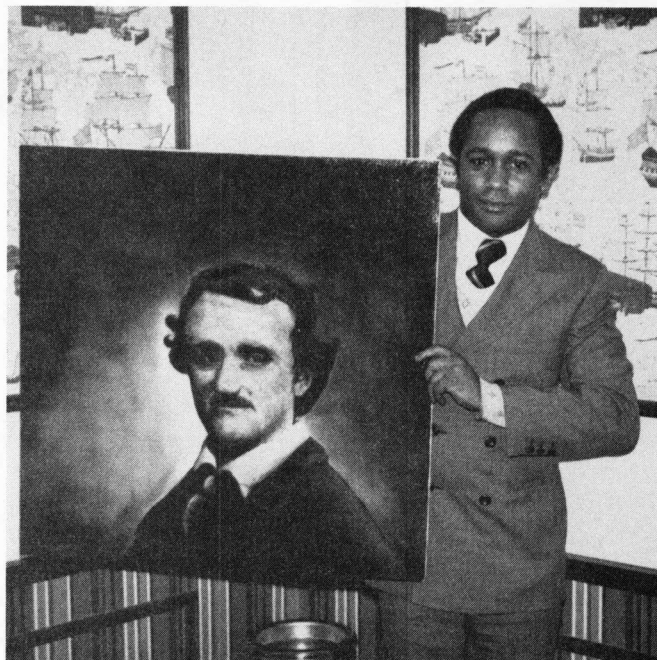
It is not only for his having persevered to the very end in his fight for life, that we are forever indebted to Allen. We are also indebted to him for the contributions he made during his lifetime to saving the very soul of our nation.

In 1978 Allen authored *The Civil War and the*

American System: America's Battle with Britain, 1860-1876, a book which reintroduced to the world the nearly forgotten American System of political economy. Allen established that the American Civil War, like the War of Independence and the War of 1812, was in fact a *global* war between the oligarchical British System of "free trade," advanced by Adam Smith, and the republican American System, espoused by Alexander Hamilton, Matthew Carey, and his son, Henry C. Carey, economic adviser to Abraham Lincoln.

It is no exaggeration to say that Allen's work to resuscitate the American System of economics, as that has come to be expressed in the economic programs of Lyndon LaRouche, has given not only our nation, but also all the nations of the world, the only means by which to reverse the current world depression and to end the legacy of slavery in the world once and for all.

Allen's contribution to humanity does not end there, however. Guided in his search for truth by a love of



Allen Salisbury displays a portrait of Edgar Allan Poe, a gift presented to him during a lecture tour in 1979.

irony, he was led to an appreciation of the writings of Edgar Allan Poe. Through articles and speeches, Allen initiated a project to spread an understanding of the significance of Poe's writings.

One of Poe's short stories which he often referenced was "Mellonta Tauta," in which Poe attacked the essential epistemological problem which plagues the world to this day. For, as Poe wrote, as long as we believe that there are only two paths to truth—the Baconian inductive method of "creeping," and the Aristotelian deductive method of "crawling"—we shall never be free. Poe stressed, and Allen's example proves, that the human soul loves nothing so well as to "soar." Allen recognized that the method of "soaring," the method of hypothesis, is the basis for both scientific discoveries and for composing poetry.

We thank God for His gift of Allen to us. May we have the strength to complete the work he bequeathed to us. And may we do so with his same generosity, his wit, and his unfailingly good sense of humor.