

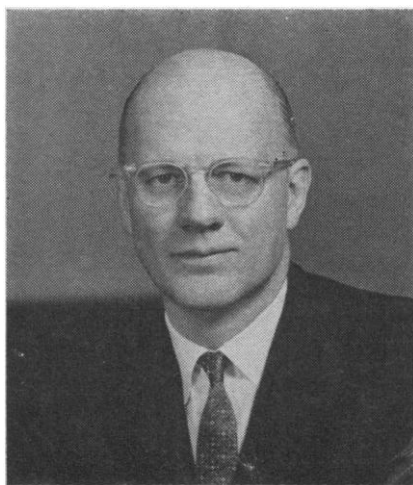


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will divide his time between the Academy, in Washington, and the University, in New York, until mid-1969, when he will assume the presidency on a full-time basis.

The selection of a new president for the \$45,000-a-year NAS post will be made by the Academy's approximately 800 members through a mail ballot. The election process calls for nominations to be made by a committee that will be appointed by the NAS Council at the annual spring meeting later this month. The committee's report must be in by 15 October; any 50 members may also submit nominations. Voting is to be completed by 15 December, and the new president will take office 1 July 1969.

Seitz's move appears to have caught many senior members of the Academy by surprise, and at present there is a dearth of knowledgeable gossip on who



Frederick Seitz

his successor might be. As for the reason for his decision, the consensus seems to be that the Rockefeller presidency is unique and challenging, and that the professional opportunity it affords is the only reason for his departure. It is no secret that Seitz and some of the Academy's elders have been feuding over Seitz's close ties with the Pentagon and his belief that the Academy should have no reservations about making its resources available to the military. But there is no evidence that these differences ever reached disruptive proportions or that they played any part in Seitz's decision to go to Rockefeller.

Though the Academy is probably too unwieldy and tradition-encrusted to become an important instrument of political concern, many of its members have of late taken to affixing their names to political statements of one sort or another, especially petitions opposing the administration's long-standing Vietnam policies. It is doubtful that political attitudes will figure large in the selection of a successor to Seitz, but it is also doubtful that the membership will be altogether docile on this score.

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## APPOINTMENTS

**Dennis W. Watson**, head of the department of microbiology, University of Minnesota Medical School, to president of the American Society for Microbiology. . . . **Edward J. Bock**, vice president of the Monsanto Company, to chairman of the Environmental Health Advisory Committee of the Manufacturing Chemists Association. . . . **Charles A. Miller**, health scientist administrator in biomedical engineering and biophysical sciences, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, to associate chief for scientific programs of the Research Training Grants Branch, NIGMS. . . . **Jesse L. Steinfeld**, head of the cancer chemotherapy and clinical cancer training programs, University of Southern California, to associate director for program, National Cancer Institute. He succeeds **Carl G. Baker**, who was appointed scientific director for etiology. . . . **Morris B. Abram**, New York lawyer and senior adviser to the United States mission at the United Nations, to president of Brandeis University.

## RECENT DEATHS

**Lev D. Landau**, 60; eminent Russian physicist and Nobel Prize winner in 1962; 1 April.

**Hugo Bauer**, 84; formerly of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases; 20 March.

**Scott Buchanan**, 73; philosopher, author, and educator who helped introduce the "great books" program at the University of Chicago and St. John's University; 25 March.

**Philip G. Cabaud**, 56; director of pathology, St. John's Smithtown Hospital; 21 March.

**Cyril B. Courville**, 68; professor of neurology, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and director of Cajal Laboratory of Neuropathology, Los Angeles County General Hospital; 22 March.

**Elbe H. Johnson**, 80; emeritus professor of physics, Kenyon College; 15 December.

**Gleb P. Krotkov**, 67; chief of the department of biology, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada; 29 January.

**DeLoss K. Martin**, 76; chief telecommunications engineer and senior projects manager for National Scientific Laboratories, McLean, Virginia; 14 March.

**Robert A. O'Connor**, 52; associate dean of New York Medical College; 13 March.

**John Pollard**, 66; vice president, Council for Financial Aid To Education, Inc.; 26 March.

**Fred P. Richardson**, 38; biochemist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; 16 March.

**Paul E. Smith**, 59; executive officer of the Committee on International Relations, National Education Association; 15 March.

**M. Cannon Sneed**, 82; former chief of the Division of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Minnesota; 13 March.

**Lina Stern**, 89; former director of the Soviet Institute of Physiology and the first woman to be elected to the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences; 8 March.

**Harriet E. Taylor**, 49; professor of biology and assistant professor of microbiology, Case Western Reserve University; 30 March.

**Leonard Werbel**, 40; staff psychologist, Montefiore Hospital; 3 April.

**Philip R. White**, 66; former staff scientist, Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory; 25 March.