Ridge, where he was in charge of a Reactor Education Program. One of his students was Admiral Hyman Rickover.

In 1949, Seitz moved to the University of Illinois, where he was, successively, professor of physics, head of the department, dean of the graduate college, and vice-president for research. In spite of continuing frenetic activities, he took time to write two important books—Modern Theory of Solids (1940) and The Physics of Metals (1943)—and (with David Turnbull) to edit the ongoing series Solid State Physics (begun in 1955).

Seitz served as president of the National Academy of Sciences from 1962 to 1969 and then as president of Rockefeller University from 1968 to 1978. Again, he interacted with leading scientists and with others in fields of politics and finance. His comments about them will be of special interest to physicists and others who have known of the names of famous scientists of this century. In keeping with Seitz's habits of traveling often and far, there are discontinuities in his narrative. Whatever the imperfections, however, significance remains.

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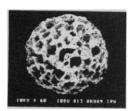


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