

theories derived by his school, which has adopted an alogical dialectic as its guide. Fancy calling poor old Mendel a clerico-fascist! What utter nonsense! I suppose we will have next J. B. S. Haldane, who uses Mendelism as the basis of his genetics being called an "arch-reactionary-cleric" and asked (by Mr. Lysenko) to leave the Communist Party! And what on earth is an "alogical dialectic"? It sounds like thinking with one's blood to me. V. I. Lenin, whose thinking was always remarkably logical and who had the greatest respect for scientific method, will be rotating in his grave or whatever it is he is in.

However, joking apart, Lysenko's apparently unscrupulous rise to power by exploiting the lack of scientific knowledge of his political superiors has resulted in a tragedy for science—the degrading and probably consequent death of one of the Soviet's greatest men, Vavilov. It is only to be hoped that, as is normal in the course of science, Lysenko's scientific absurdities will find him out and that Vavilov's spirit will again carry on the fine tradition which he established in Soviet biology.

A VERY PUZZLED SCIENTIST  
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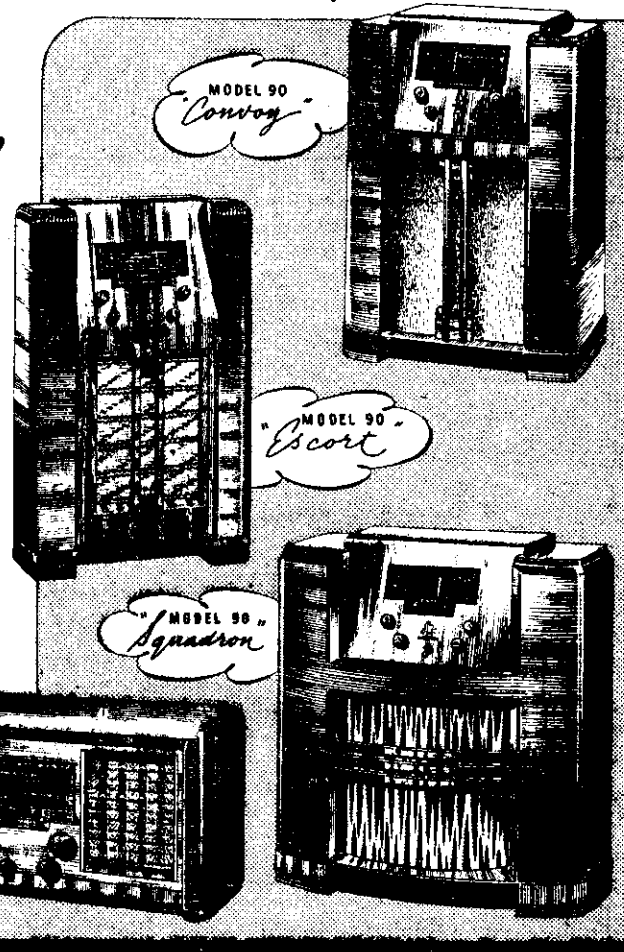
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