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LYSENKO IS RIGHT. By James Fyfe. London : Lawrence & Wishart, 1950. Pp. 64. 2s. 6d.

“ A botanist with 15 years' experience of agricultural plant breeding ” explains how “ the position taken by Lysenko and his followers is scientifically sound and fruitful in practice.” The author is a member of the staff of the Cambridge Plant Breeding Institute.

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An account of genetics in simple language. Writing of the Lysenko controversy the author's opinion is : “ The state of the controversy is therefore not very different in the Soviet Union from what it is in other countries.” The author, who is Lecturer in Biochemistry at Sheffield University, acknowledges the help of Mr J. L. Fyfe.