

Foe of Lysenko Gains Rehabilitation in Soviet

MOSCOW, April 2 (UP)—Official Soviet scientific circles reported today the posthumous rehabilitation of the famed geneticist Nikolai I. Vavilov, Vavilov, who died in disgrace fifteen years ago.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences has ordered the re-publication of his works. This action is apparently in line with the program of restoring to places of honor persons who suffered as a result of the Stalin dictatorship.

The genetecist was the central figure in a violent controversy over the validity of the prevailing laws of heredity that raged here from the mid Nineteen Thirties until 1949. His chief opponent was Dr. Trofim D. Lysenko, who argued, with the backing of Stalin, that environment was more important than heredity.

In the long dispute, Dr. Vavilov was removed from the presidency of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. Lysenko succeeded him and dominated the Soviet biological field by purging all his adversaries until 1953, when he lost prestige.

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