

26th April, 1956.

My dear Roy,

Thanks for sending me Mr. Brown's reflections on Lysenko. He does not mention, and ought to have known, that J.B.S. Haldane took part in a series of four radio talks, of which I gave one, and that he was the only one to imply that Lysenko should be taken seriously as a geneticist. Harland, Darlington, and myself all treated him as a politician, and in the field of science as more or less an impostor.

In fact he did not "take refuge in silence", but hedged rather awkwardly and insincerely, endeavouring to give countenance to his communist friends without taking so firm a line as Jimmy Fyfe, of the Plant Breeding Station here, who boldly published a book "Lysenko is Right". I have not heard of a second edition!

I am returning Time and Tide separately with many thanks and love to Queenie.

Yours