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one dared oppose or even question his policies. Whether to propel himself upward, bring down the academics he apparently detested, or protect himself and his "science", Lysenko nearly eliminated all serious work in genetics, agriculture, and biology from the '30s into the '60s. Numerous scientists were exiled, fired, or executed during his reign as the people's scientist; according to the author, the effects still linger in Russia. An amazing story of how, when politics decrees what science is acceptable and how it is going to work in the political paradigm, the results can be tragic. 1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Agricultural and Global warming errant philosophy via Leninism By Bill Rickords Lysenko and his incompetency lead to many agri disasters in the Soviet era. He is also the father of the disastrous concept of Global Warming and the errant methodology still used today. Entire concept is beyond this book and noted in this article. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/peterferrara/2013/04/28/the-disgraceful-episode-of-lysenkoism-brings-us-global-warming-theory/>

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