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DALLAS -- Professor Theodosius Dobzhansky, internationally known authority on genetics and evolution, of The Rockefeller University, New York City, will be the visiting lecturer for the Faculty Seminar of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas Wednesday (Dec. 18), it was announced today by Dr. Paul C. MacDonald, seminar chairman.

Dobzhansky, a native Russian and graduate of the University of Kiev, has spent some 40 years investigating the mechanics of heredity in the *Drosophila*, or fruit fly.

Although his studies have centered on the fruit fly, Dobzhansky's writings and interests have ranged beyond the confines of his subject specialization. In the preface of his book "Mankind Evolving" he maintains that in addition to accumulating knowledge it is the biologist's task to make intelligible the intellectual revolution ushered in by Darwin whereby all things were understood to evolve. Dobzhansky has explored and explained the roles that genetic and environmental factors play in the origin and structure of populations and in the process of biological evolution. His classic text "Genetics and the Origin of the Species" has gone through three editions.

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Dobzhansky came to the United States in 1927 for graduate studies, and has remained, becoming an American citizen in 1937. He joined the faculty of California Institute of Technology in 1929, moving in 1940 to Columbia University to direct research in the University's then newly established laboratory of genetics. He recently joined the staff of Rockefeller University after some 25 years at Columbia.

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