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Dear Dr. Meselson -

I read of your interest in yellow rain in Time magazine, and thought you might be interested to know that there was a yellow rain here in March of 1853.

A former Presbyterian minister described it later:

"During a rainstorm the ground was covered in every direction with a yellowish substance resembling sulphur. Tubs of water standing outside were covered with it. Farmers living at least a mile distant reported its presence. Perhaps the most plausible conjecture as to its character & origin was that the pollen of millions of flowers on the vast prairies of the west had been caught up by a cyclone and borne across the country in the clouds, until they

finally burst in showers on the earth."

At least it wasn't the Soviet
Union in 1853!

Sincerely,

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