Abstract:
Fang Lizhi, the distinguished Chinese astrophysicist who was hand-picked to work on China’s atomic bomb in the 1950s but ended three decades later as an “enemy of the state,” expelled from the Chinese Communist Party and forced into exile, writes in his autobiography how it was primarily the principles of science, not political theory or foreign influences, that caused the transformation. Fang explains, step by step, how his pursuit of science and his faith in Marxism came into conflict and how one eventually deconstructed the other.

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