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**THE EXTRAORDINARY
ADVENTURES OF MR. WEST IN
THE LAND OF THE
BOLSHEVIKS**

(NEOBYCHAINIYE
PRIKLUCHENIYA MISTERA
VESTA V STRANYE
BOLSHEVIKOV)

1924, Lev Kuleshov, USSR, ~~90~~ min.
6:45 only

The first feature from Kuleshov's experimental workshop was also the first radically original film of the Soviet era. A gleeful satire on the excesses of American anti-bolshevik propaganda, it is also an affectionate parody/analysis of American popular cinema with fights, chases and rescues brilliantly choreographed according to Kuleshov's "rehearsal method." Mr. West is separated from his body-guard, Cowboy Jed, in Moscow by a gang of tricksters, intent on relieving him of as many dollars as possible by pandering to his innocent fears. Only the "real" bolsheviks can save him! (IC)