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INTERPLANETARY REVOLUTION

(MEZHPLANETNAYA REVOLUTSIYA)

Directors: Z. Komissarenko, U. Merkulov & N. Hodataev • USSR 1924 9 minutes silent (fragment)

A cartoon spoof of Protazanov's highly successful AELITA: QUEEN OF MARS, released in the same year, INTERPLANETARY REVOLUTION doesn't just capitalize on AELITA's popularity, it serves as a mild political corrective. In 1924, the year of Lenin's death, the Communist Party began to distance itself from the "world revolution" doctrine; therefore the notion of the rising Martian proletariat was just past due, and safe to ridicule.

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