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1928-1971

Soviet cosmonaut who commanded the first crew to live aboard a space station. Dobrovolsky acted as communications officer for manned *Soyuz* flights between 1967-69, and trained for the abortive Soviet moon landing program. He transferred to the *Salyut* space station program in 1970 and, with Viktor Patsayev and Vladislav Volkov, spent 23 days aboard the *Salyut 1* station in 1971. He died, along with his crew, when the spacecraft returning them to Earth depressurized.