



SOYUZ SCENARIO

AT 9:00 p.m. on June 1 Russia launched the eighth manned spacecraft in the series of first-generation Soyuz spacecraft. Soyuz 9 was crewed by Col Andrian Nikolayev, commander (and pilot of Vostok 3 of August 11, 1962), and Vitaly Levastyanov, engineer. Once again the stated aim of the launch was very domestic—to carry out a scientific and technical research programme of the Earth and the region of space near the Earth. Specifically, the objects were to continue

Right, close-up of final stage with emergency escape system. Below, Soyuz on the launch pad; note the blast pit



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