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00:00:07,590 --> 00:00:05,349
from its beginning the space program has

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00:00:09,990 --> 00:00:07,600
given us images that are benchmarks of

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00:00:12,310 --> 00:00:10,000
america's technological achievements

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00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,320
capturing the symbolic moments and

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00:00:17,430 --> 00:00:14,400
giving us an eloquent record of the

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00:00:19,510 --> 00:00:17,440
human journey bill taub was able to

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00:00:20,870 --> 00:00:19,520
capture the essence of the space program

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00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:20,880
in his work

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00:00:27,189 --> 00:00:24,080
from the time nasa began in 1958 through

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00:00:29,429 --> 00:00:27,199
the last apollo flight in 1975

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00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:29,439
he photographed every significant

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00:00:33,110 --> 00:00:31,679
aeronautics and space event

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00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:33,120

bill likes to joke that he was a

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:35,280

photographer for nasa even before the

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:38,640

agency was formed in the 1940s and 50s

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00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:40,559

he worked as a wind tunnel photographer

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:42,399

for the national advisory committee for

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00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:46,320

aeronautics naca in langley virginia

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00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:48,960

after hours bill worked alone setting up

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00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:51,760

his bulky 8x10 camera in the cavernous

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00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:52,800

tunnels

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00:00:57,910 --> 00:00:55,199

this pioneering work let the public see

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:57,920

aeronautical research as never before

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00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:01,680

the first pictures that i made were

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:03,920

more or less general wind tunnel type

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:06,000

photographs

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:08,479

and i would look at these and i would

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00:01:11,510 --> 00:01:10,159

see a way to make them a little more

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00:01:13,270 --> 00:01:11,520

artistic

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00:01:17,030 --> 00:01:13,280

in 1958

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00:01:19,590 --> 00:01:17,040

naca became nasa and bill taub was sent

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:19,600

to washington dc as the agency's senior

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00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:20,880

photographer

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:22,880

he was assigned to the original seven

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:25,360

astronauts covering all aspects of their

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00:01:28,870 --> 00:01:26,400

lives

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00:01:30,789 --> 00:01:28,880

alan shepard the first american in space

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:30,799

looks back on the early days we were

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00:01:35,429 --> 00:01:33,920

really pioneering in so many ways and

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00:01:37,270 --> 00:01:35,439

and uh

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:37,280

even the training exercises there was

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:38,720

tension

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00:01:41,910 --> 00:01:40,240

and i think bill captured that he

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00:01:44,069 --> 00:01:41,920

captured the spirit of the occasion

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:44,079

extremely well but he was a member of

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:46,960

the family and not only in the early

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00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:48,560

days but

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00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:50,880

for over 30 years

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00:01:55,429 --> 00:01:52,960

during much of the training closed-door

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00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:55,439

engineering meetings and missions bill

51
00:01:59,670 --> 00:01:58,240
was the only photographer allowed access

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,680
there was pressure to capture the

53
00:02:03,670 --> 00:02:01,759
moments that said it all

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:03,680
john glenn made history the day he

55
00:02:08,150 --> 00:02:06,000
entered his mercury capsule

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00:02:10,150 --> 00:02:08,160
taub knew he had to provide coverage

57
00:02:12,630 --> 00:02:10,160
that would satisfy photo editors all

58
00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:12,640
over the world he did

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00:02:17,190 --> 00:02:14,800
during his career he received many

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00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:17,200
awards among them photograph of the year

61
00:02:21,430 --> 00:02:19,200
for coverage of gordon cooper's flight

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00:02:25,110 --> 00:02:21,440
in 1963.

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00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:25,120

in 1969 the world watched as astronauts

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00:02:30,630 --> 00:02:27,920

armstrong aldrin and collins carried out

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00:02:33,350 --> 00:02:30,640

america's first mission to the moon

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:33,360

they became instant celebrities

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00:02:40,150 --> 00:02:35,680

after their return to earth they visited

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00:02:43,190 --> 00:02:40,160

24 countries and 27 cities in 45 days