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ANDREW G. HALEY'S INFLUENCE ON THE IAF, IISL, AIAA, IAA, AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF
SPACE LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Abstract

Andrew G. Haley was a lawyer in the mid-20th century who, through curiosity and will, helped forge the foundations of international space law and policy. He was instrumental in the creation and leadership of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), International Institute of Space Law (IISL), and International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), as well as the American Rocket Society (ARS) (now the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)), often also serving as General Counsel to ensure the success of these institutions, which continue to this day. Aside from the institutions he helped establish, his contributions to the development of space law and policy were extensive, and collected in the publication of his book "Space Law Government," published in the fall of 1963.

This paper will outline Andrew G. Haley's life and biography, from his early involvement in radio telecommunications, to his strategic reassignment during World War II to help Theodore von Karman, and to his post-war effort to establish the current international order in space activities. This will include details on his involvement with the formation of the IAF, the IISL, AIAA, and the IAA. Finally, this paper will celebrate the upcoming 60th anniversary of the publication of his book "Space Law and Government" and summarize his thought leadership on the substantive issues of space law and policy, which were novel in their time, and foundational to space activities today.

The authors will apply their respective backgrounds as a CEO, a practicing space lawyer, and an engineer, to contextualize and understand Andrew G. Haley's legacy in business, law, and aeronautics; as well as rely on extensive primary source documents, as well as first person accounts of Haley's life.

When looking back on Andrew G. Haley's life, it is clear that his involvement in the founding moments of so many influential organizations and important legal and policy concepts was not by chance. His curiosity and desire to see a future of peaceful space activity drove him to organize and write and advocate for the international cooperation and coordination that brings us together to this day.