



T. S. Ary (1925-2009)

1992 Inductee into American Mining Hall of Fame

T. S. Ary began his career in the minerals industry in 1951 with the Anaconda Mining Company at Butte, Montana. There, he served as a shift boss and assistant superintendent of several mines on the Butte Hill before moving to Anaconda's Geology Department. Prior to that time, Ary had been a navy carrier pilot in World War II and was released from active duty in 1947. He received his Bachelors Degree in Mineral Sciences (Mining Engineering) from Stanford University and has completed graduate work in mineral law, land management, international studies, and business.

In 1953, Ary joined Union Carbide Corporation as a mining engineer and Superintendent of a vanadium mine in Rifle, Colorado. He was named Vice President of Union Carbide Exploration Corporation in 1967. In 1975, he joined Utah International, Inc., as Vice President of Exploration and Director of Development. In 1980, he was appointed President of Kerr-McGee Corporation's Minerals Exploration Division in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. While at Kerr-McGee, he was responsible for worldwide hard mineral and coal exploration, as well as land acquisition and management functions of all operating divisions except oil and gas.

In 1988, Ary was sworn in as the 18th Director of the United States Bureau of Mines. Ary has served on the National Strategic Materials and Minerals Program Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Interior for four years. He was on the United States State Department Task Force to the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention and served on the Mineral Advisory Committee to the Department of Commerce. During Ary's distinguished career, he has been Chairman of the Minerals Availability Committee of the American Mining Congress and Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. He has also served as Director of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Chairman of the Colorado Plateau Section of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and Director of the Colorado Public Expenditures Council.