MR DAGFINN VÅRVIK

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. Varvik was born on June 8, 1924 in Leinstrand in Sør-Trøndelag, Norway. The son of a farmer, he graduated in Economics from Oslo University in 1951.

Mr. Varvik was Secretary of the Centre Party's parliamentary group from 1952 until 1961 when he became Political Correspondent on the Norwegian newspaper <u>Nationen</u> (The Nation). In 1963 he became Chief Editor of the paper.

Mr. Varvik became Chairman of the Centre Party's Programme Committee in 1965. He has been the Centre Party's Deputy Chairman since 1967. For a short time in 1962 and 1963 he sat in the Storting (Parliament) as deputy member for the county of Akershus.

Mr. Varvik was briefly Minister of Finance in 1963 and then Minister of Prices and Income from 1965 to 1971.

In October 1972 Mr. Varvik was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the coalition government of Prime Minister Lars Korvald.