

MR. KRISTER WICKMAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Wickman has been a member of the Swedish Cabinet since 1967. He was born in Stockholm in April, 1924. His father, the late Johannes Wickman, was one of Sweden's most prominent journalists, and for several years foreign policy columnist in the Liberal daily, Dagens Nyheter.

Krister Wickman studied law at the University of Stockholm and graduated in 1948. He did postgraduate work in economics and obtained his advanced economics degree in 1953. He then worked at the National Institute of Economic Research.

In 1959, Mr. Wickman was appointed Under Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, where he soon gained the reputation of a skilful negotiator and leader of budgetary work. He became a member of the then First Chamber of the Swedish Parliament in 1966.

Appointed Minister without Portfolio in 1967, Mr. Wickman assumed special responsibility for internal economic affairs. Among other things, he introduced the proposal on the State Investment Bank.

When the Ministry of Industry was established in 1969, Mr. Wickman naturally became its first head and the spokesman at home and abroad for the Swedish mixed economy that he has been so instrumental in shaping.

Mr. Wickman was appointed Foreign Minister July 1, 1971.

Mr. Wickman's wide variety of interests may be illustrated by the fact that he was Chairman of the Swedish Film Institute 1963-67.