

*Bio Book*

POUL HARTLING

PRIME MINISTER OF DENMARK

Born in Copenhagen 1914; his father, M. Hartling, school principal and 1945-1947, Minister of Education, died in 1960.

Poul Hartling matriculated in 1932, graduated in divinity 1939; secretary to the Christian Academic Society 1934-1935, to Denmark's Christian Movement of Senior Secondary Students 1939-1943; curate of Frederiksberg Church 1941-1945; chaplain of the St. Luke Foundation 1945-1950; principal of Zahle's Teachers' Training College 1950-1968.

Conducted courses at the University of Copenhagen 1939-1942; teacher at the Marthabo congregational seminary 1941-1947; at the Zahle Teachers' Training College since 1945. Chairman of the Danish Institute for Information about Denmark and Cultural Cooperation with Other Nations 1962-1965; of the Liberal Democratic Party Organization of Zealand and Bornholm 1961-1965; of the Liberal Democratic Party's National Organization since 1965-1968.

Member of the Folketing (parliament) 1957-1960 and again since 1964; chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party's parliamentary group 1965-1968; member of the Nordic Council 1964-1968 (president 1966-1968); of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee; of the Board of Directors and the Committee of Directors of Danmarks Nationalbank 1966-1968. Member of the Government Committee for the Royal Theatre. Publications: *Sursum corda, Den kristne Studenterbevægelses Historie* (History of the Christian Student Movement from 1892 to 1942) (in collaboration with Johannes Müller) 1942; *Kirketankens Vækst på Missionsmarken* (Growth of Religious Philosophy in the Missionary Field) 1945; *Kirkelig vejledning for Sygeplejersker* (Religious guidance for nurses) 1950; participation in a radio feature "What is Christianity?" 1947, editor of *Kirke Skole Kultur* (Church, School, Culture) 1963; and the Danish Church 1964 and 1967.

After the election held on January 23, 1968, appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Baunsgaard Cabinet on February 2, 1968, a liberal coalition government, backed by a majority of the Folketing comprising the Conservative, Liberal Democratic, and Social Liberal Parties (until October 1971).

Following elections on December 4, 1973, Mr. Poul Hartling formed a government, based on his own party, the Liberal Democrats (Venstre), which holds 22 of 175 seats in the Folketing. The government was appointed on December 19, 1973.