

"Curriculum vitae"

Tage Erlander, at present Prime Minister of Sweden, was born on June 13th 1901, at Ransäter, Värmland, in Western Sweden where his father was church organist. After matriculation Erlander went to the University of Lund in Southern Sweden, where he played a prominent part in the socialist student movement. In 1928 he graduated with a B.A. in Economics and political science. Working as journalist and member of the editorial staff of the Swedish Encyclopedia he also continued his political activities. Member of the City Council of Lund between 1930 and 1936 he became at the age of 32 a Member of Parliament (1933). In 1938 he became Secretary of State for Social Affairs, a post which he retained till 1944 when he entered the Cabinet. Between 1945 and 1946 he was Minister of Education and, at the death of Premier Per Albin Hansson, Erlander was chosen to be the new head of the Social-Democratic Party and Prime Minister. During the years preceding his nomination as member of the Government he was active in various parliamentary and public enquiry committees in the fields of economics, social welfare and education.

Since 1946 Tage Erlander has been at the head of the government without interruption. From 1946 till 1951 he headed a social-democratic cabinet, from 1951 onwards a coalition government between social-democrats and agrarians.