

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. C.A. van der Klaauw Minister for Foreign Affairs

Personal data

Dr. Christoph Albert van der Klaauw was born in Leyden on 13 August 1924. He and his wife Henriette (née van Everdingen) have five children and live at Ary Schefferstraat 151, The Hague.

Dr. van der Klaauw is a liberal Protestant. He was Vice-Chairman of the Dutch Protestant League in Paris from 1961 - 1963 and Chairman of the Association of Liberal Reformed Protestants of The Hague and Scheveningen from 1964 to 1966.

Dr. van Klaauw devotes most of his leisure time to his family, enjoys water sports, and is an avid reader, especially of contemporary and 19th century history.

Education

Dr. van der Klaauw was educated at Leyden Municipal Gymnasium from 1936 to 1943 where he specialised in classics. He went on to study history at the State University of Leyden from 1945 to 1950 and obtained his doctorate from the Faculty of Arts there on 3 December 1953 for a dissertation entitled "Political Relations between the Netherlands and Belgium, 1919-1939".

Dr. van der Klaauw continues to take a keen interest in his Alma Mater. He has served as a corresponding member



of the University <sup>Alumni</sup> Fund and as an advisory member of the Student Association.

VVD - The People's Party for Freedom and Democracy

As a student, Dr van der Klaauw was a member of the Freedom Party. Later he joined the VVD (People's Party for Freedom and Democracy). He served as a member of the VVD's Advisory Committee on Foreign Policy from 1964 - 1966 and in the same period was active in the Telders Foundation, a liberally-oriented research institute.

Positions held

Dr van der Klaauw entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 10 May 1952 as a Foreign Service trainee. He subsequently held the following posts:

1952-1953 Legation Attaché, Royal Netherlands Legation at Budapest.

1955-1956 Staff member, Western Cooperation Department (NATO and European Defence Affairs Section) of the Ministry.

1956-1959 Second Secretary, Royal Netherlands Embassy at Oslo

1959-1963 First Secretary, Combined Permanent Netherlands Delegation to the North Atlantic Council and the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation, Paris.

1963-1966 Head of the NATO and WEU Political Affairs Section of the Ministry and Secretary of the delegations to ministerial NATO and WEU Council sessions.

1966-1970 Counsellor, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Rio de Janeiro  
1970-1974 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands at  
the United Nations, New York.

Dr van der Klaauw was appointed Ambassador in 1977 and served  
in that capacity as the Netherlands Permanent Representative at the  
United Nations and at other international organisations in  
Geneva.

Dr van der Klaauw was appointed Director-General for European  
Cooperation at the Ministry in 1977.

He became Minister for Foreign Affairs on 19 December 1977.  
Dr van der Klaauw is an Officer of the Order of Orange Nassau.

The March 1977 issue of the "Internationale Spectator" carried  
Dr van der Klaauw's article 'Integration at the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs'. A recent photograph of Dr van der Klaauw is  
available from the Press Department of the Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, Plein 23, The Hague (telephone 070-61.49.41,  
extension 2310 or 2876).