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PLACE: VADSO

COUNTRY: Norway

Population: 2,520 in 1950

Province: FINNmark

Latitude 70° 5 mins. north
Longitude 29° 45 mins. east.

Date of Observation: 30 Mar. '51
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General Description:

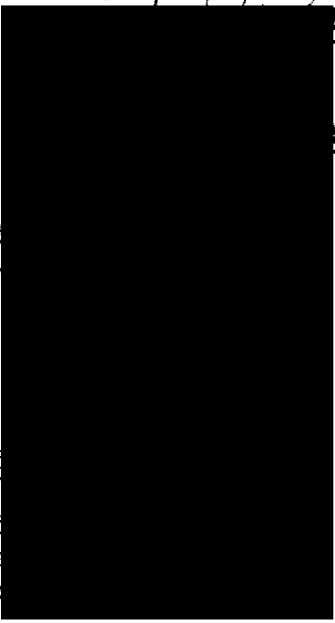
Capitol of province, administrative center, important for sea and land transport, fishing and fish processing, distribution of consumers' goods. Locations due to off-shore island now unimportant except as providing harbor shelter.



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Geographic Description:

Intermediate between outer coast fjord and plateau type of location. Near open sea without island protection. Climate modified somewhat immediately in land.



Occupations:

Agricultural

Fishing

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Some dairy farming for local needs. Important

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Natural Vegetation:

Birch and rowan in sheltered spots but largely tundra. Note pines reach to 70° 20 mins. north at Børselv. This location too exposed.

Land Forms and Geology:

Striking contrast between southern and northern shores of Varangerfjord, with south shore precambrian shield and north shore paleozoic. Local terraces very striking.

Mining:

Local stone and gravel for construction.

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian with few Lapps except visitors for trading. Some residents of Finnish origin. Formerly some Russian trading in area. Few Norwegian officials and professional workers.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: -2° C

Precipitation: Two ft. of snow on ground.

Clouds: Half to overcast. Wind westerly

Other: Sea open. Weather forecasts issued from Tromsø.

Electric Power:

Source: Kongsfjord on North Coast.

Supply at present restricted but plant being expanded.

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Most of Varanger peninsula

Telephone Important center Telegraph Imp. center Radio Excellent TV _____
broadcast & communication station.

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Vadso To: Vadso, Kirkenes and South Norway

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #950 joins highway #50 at Varangerbotn and continues to Svartnes near Vadso. Rt. #50 runs from Varangerbotn to Kirkenes.

Surface Type: Permanent gravel

Width : two-car

Seasonal Use: Well plowed in Winter, but closed at eastern end by snow.

Underpass : Highway #50 closed east of Gandvik by snow.

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Ferries:

None
Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers:

Routing: Express north and south five times weekly. Local steamers in
Varangerfjord.
Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok

Bus Routes:

Summer: Links with south Norway over highway #50. Bus to Vadø, Tana and
Kirkenes.

Winter: Bus to Tana and Gandvik. Snowmobile Vadsø to Svartnes.
Truck or snowmobile Vadsø to Skipaguarra and Karasjok.

Other Transportation:

Summer (April to September) flying boat communication Kirkenes and
south Norway.

MAPS

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Scale</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| German Army | 1:300,000 1:100,000 | up to 1944 | |
| Norwegian | 1:100,000 | old but roads 1939 | Nor. Geographical Survey |

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Guide and Other Books:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| None available but history of North Norway is, I understand, being written in London by Frank Stack. | | | | |

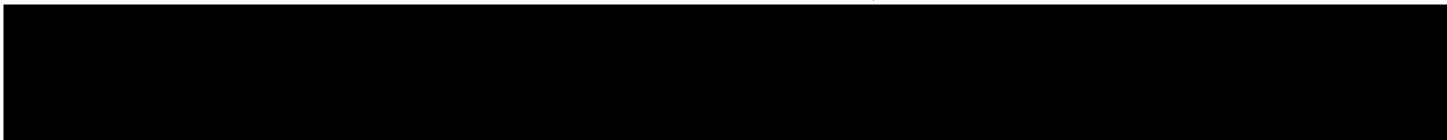
PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 29-30 Mar. '51 Arrived: 1:50 am 30 Mar. '51
 Starting Point: Karasiok Departed: 1510, 1 April, '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): _____
 Vehicles Used: Vadsø Police Chevrolet, 1938

 Where stayed: Pension Dahl Comments: Small but good

CONTACTS:

| 25X1X6 | <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>T.ph.</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Several post cards including air views

Taken: Black and white and color of town and wharf. Light poor

Sketches Made:

See 1949 report for sketch of harbor area.
A town plan is believed to exist but I have not seen it.

Location

Description

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

| <u>Type</u> | <u>No. of Workers</u> | <u>Products</u> | <u>Power</u> |
|--|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| Two fish processing plants, including cold store and freezing. | 55 in Summer | cod and halibut liver oil, dried salt, fresh and frozen fish. Fish oil and meal. | Electrical |

NOTE: Products exported direct to South Norway, Eastern England, Italy, West Africa, etc.

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General Comments:

Vadsø is an important steamship port and also fishing harbor of declining importance.

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Depth</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Steamship quay 100 meters long (double sided) | | 6 meters |
| Cross Quay 135 meters | | 5 to 6 meters |
| Fish piers three of shorter lengths | | 3 meters |

Lighters: None

Warehouses: 500 sq. meters warehouse space on steamship quay plus 1400 sq. meters on fishing quays.

Cranes: None

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
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Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Yes

Foundries: Yes

Dry docks: No, except small boat repairs.

Salvage gear: Minor

Supplies Available

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Water <u>Yes</u> | Coal <u>From Spitsbergen</u> |
| Provisions <u>Yes</u> | Oil-Fuel <u>Yes</u> |
| Engineering <u>Yes</u> | Diesel Fuel <u>Yes</u> |
| Deck <u>Yes</u> | |

Harbor Information Harbor is shallow and needs dredging to maintain depth. Note that eastern harbor is too shallow except for small fishing boats. Entrance to western harbor close to end of break water.

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