## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b),(c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-2 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

> Ross Stores, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

> 778296103 (CUSIP Number)

November 29, 2000 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- [ ] Rule 13d-1(b)
- [X] Rule 13d-1(c)
- [ ] Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 778296103

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Viking Global Performance LLC

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) [] (b) [x]

- (3) SEC USE ONLY
- (4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER

0

SHARES	=				
BENEFICIALI	LY	(6)			
OWNED BY	-		4,103,500		
EACH		(7)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
REPORTING	=		0		
PERSON WITH	H	(8)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,103,500		
( - /	ву ЕА	CH R	AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED EPORTING PERSON 3,500		
			IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT ) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES		[ ]
	BY AM		F CLASS REPRESENTED IN ROW (9)		
(12)		OF RI	EPORTING PERSON		
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CUSIP No. 7	77829	6103			
, ,	S.S.	OR I	EPORTING PERSON  R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  ng Global Investors LP		
(2)	CHECK	THE	APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) (b)	[ ]
(3)	SEC U	SE O	NLY		
(4)		ENSH:	IP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION ware		
NUMBER OF		(5)	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
BENEFICIALI	LY	(6)	SHARED VOTING POWER 4,103,500		
OWNED BY EACH	-	(7)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
REPORTING			· 		
PERSON WITH	H	(8)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,103,500		
	BY EA	CH R	AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED EPORTING PERSON 3,500		
			IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT ) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES		[ ]
			F CLASS REPRESENTED IN ROW (9)		

(12)	TYPE	OF	REPORTING	PERSON			
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CUSIP No.	778296	6103			
, ,	s.s. c	OR I	EPORTING PERSON .R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON ng Global Equities LP		
(2)	CHECK	THE	APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) (b)	[x]
(3)	SEC US	SE O	NLY		
(4)			IP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION ware		
NUMBER OF		(5)	SOLE VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIAL:	LY	(6)	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,338,200		
EACH REPORTING	_	(7)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0		
PERSON WIT	Н	(8)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,338,200		
( - /	BY EAG	CH R	AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED EPORTING PERSON 8,200		
, ,			IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT ) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES		[ ]

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
2.9%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
PN

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CUSIP No. 778296103

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
O. Andreas Halvorsen

- (2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
- (a) [] (b) [x]

## (3) SEC USE ONLY

(4)	CITIZEN	NSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
NUMBER OF	(5	5) SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
SHARES				
BENEFICIALLY		6) SHARED VOTING POWER 4,103,500		
OWNED BY				
EACH	(7	7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0		
REPORTING				
PERSON WI	ГН (8	3) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,103,500		
(9)	BY EACH	ATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED H REPORTING PERSON ,103,500		
(10)		BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES		[ ]
(11)	BY AMOU	T OF CLASS REPRESENTED JNT IN ROW (9) .1%		
(12)	TYPE OF	F REPORTING PERSON		
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(1)	NAME OF			
	S.S. OR	F REPORTING PERSON R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson		
(2)	S.S. OR Br	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	(a) (b)	[ ] [x]
(2)	S.S. OR Br	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP		
	S.S. OR Br CHECK T	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP E ONLY  NSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
(3)	S.S. OR Br CHECK T	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson  THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  E ONLY  NSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION States  5) SOLE VOTING POWER		
(3)	S.S. OR Br CHECK T	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  E ONLY  NSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION States		
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(3)  (4)  NUMBER OF  SHARES  BENEFICIAL  OWNED BY	S.S. OR Br CHECK T  SEC USE  CITIZEN United  (5	R I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON rian T. Olson THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  E ONLY  NSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION States  5) SOLE VOTING POWER 0  6) SHARED VOTING POWER 4,103,500		

(9)	BY EACH	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED REPORTING PERSON 103,500	
(10)		DX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	[ ]
(11)	PERCENT 5.1	OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) %	
(12)	TYPE OF IN	REPORTING PERSON	
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CUSIP No.	77829610	)3	
(1)	S.S. OR	REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON vid C. Ott	
(2)	CHECK TH	HE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [] (b) [x]
(3)	SEC USE	ONLY	
(4)	CITIZENS United S	SHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION States	
NUMBER OF	(5)	SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
BENEFICIA OWNED BY	LLY (6)	SHARED VOTING POWER 4,103,500	
EACH REPORTING	,	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0	
PERSON WI	TH (8)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,103,500	
(9)	BY EACH	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED REPORTING PERSON 103,500	
(10)		OX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	[ ]
(11)	PERCENT BY AMOUN 5.1		
(12)	TYPE OF IN	REPORTING PERSON	

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED

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Ross Stores, Inc.

- ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 8333 Central Avenue, Newark, CA 94560-3433
- ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 280 Park Avenue, 35th Floor, New York, New York 10017.

## ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

VGE and VGI are each a Delaware limited partnership and VGP is a Delaware limited liability company. O. Andreas Halvorsen is a citizen of Norway, and Brian T. Olson and David C. Ott are citizens of the United States.

- ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

  Common Stock, \$.01 par value
- ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER: 778296103
- ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:
  - (a) [ ] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
  - (b) [ ] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act
  - (c) [ ] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act
  - (d) [ ] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940

  - (f) [ ] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)

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- (g) [ ] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G);
- (h) [ ] Savings Associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) [] Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (j) [ ] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rule 13d-1(c), CHECK THIS BOX. [x]

- ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.
  - A. VGP and VGI
    - (a) Amount beneficially owned 4,103,500
    - (b) Percent of class: 5.1%

(All percentages herein are based on 81,011,317 shares of Common Stock reported to be outstanding as of November 25, 2000, as reflected in the Company's quarterly report, on Form

10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company for the quarter ended October 28, 2000.)

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - sole power to vote or to direct the vote (i)
  - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote
  - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0
  - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,103,500

VGP, as the general partner of VGE, and VGI, an affiliate of VGP that provides managerial services to VGE, each have the power to dispose of and vote the shares of Common Stock directly owned by VGE. VGP and VGI are parties to an investment management agreement with VGE III Portfolio Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, pursuant to which VGP has investment authority with respect to securities held in such account and VGI performs managerial services in connection with such account. VGP and VGI have authority to dispose of and vote securities held in such account. Neither VGP nor VGI owns directly any shares of Common Stock.

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> By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), VGP and VGI may each be deemed to own beneficially shares directly held by VGE and VGE III Portfolio Ltd.

- B. VGE
  - (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,338,200 (b) Percent of class: 2 9%

  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - sole power to vote or to direct the vote (i)
    - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote 2,338,200
    - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition
    - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,338,200

VGE has the power to dispose of and the power to vote the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it, which power may be exercised by its general partner, VGP and by VGI, an affiliate of VGP, which provides managerial services to VGE.

- C. O. Andreas Halvorsen, Brian T. Olson, and David C. Ott
  - (a) Amount beneficially owned: 4,103,500
  - (b) Percent of class: 5.1%
  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote
    - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote 4,103,500
    - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0
    - (i v/) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,103,500

Messrs. Halvorsen, Olson, and Ott, as Managing Directors of VGI and Members of VGP, have shared power to dispose of and shared power to vote the Common Stock beneficially owned by VGI and VGP. None of Messrs. Halvorsen, Olson, or Ott directly own any shares of Common Stock. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Act, each may be deemed to beneficially own Schedule 13G PAGE 11 OF 12

- ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS. Not applicable.
- ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

  To the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, a number of such Common Stock which represents more than five percent of the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY. Not applicable.
- ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. Not applicable.
- ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP. Not applicable.
- ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION. (if filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c))

  By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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## SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: January 29, 2001 /s/ O. Andreas Halvorsen
O. ANDREAS HALVORSEN, individually, and as a Member of Viking Global
Performance LLC, on behalf of
VIKING GLOBAL EQUITIES LP, and as a Member of VIKING GLOBAL

PERFORMANCE LLC, and as a Managing Director of Viking Global Partners LLC, on behalf of VIKING GLOBAL INVESTORS LP.

/s/ Brian T. Olson, individually BRIAN T. OLSON

/s/ David C. Ott, individually DAVID C. OTT

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