

## **Tommy Hicks Reports on Revival in Finland**

### **The Lutherans Accept Pentecostal Fire**

#### **Words of Bishop E. G. Gulin**

In early times large Christian revival movements created offensive feelings among people. Almost every one of us wants to stay in a dreamy-like existence, rather than awaken to a cold reality, which will uncover our true personality. That is why it is easier to resist and be indifferent about religion and let everything be as it is.

God, however, says no. We have had enough of watery Christianity.

This will not create joy to anyone. Only the genuine will do, and it is revolutionary. Jesus said: "Whoever believes in me will do the same things I have done and even greater things he will do because I am returning to my Father." Do we believe this? Or are we making Him an EXAGGERATION who exaggerated the power of faith.

Church history shows that those who believed Him discovered great changes within themselves and in their surroundings. If you are honest, you have to admit that your present life will not measure to the highest standards of life. Revival has always started from seeking new ways. And God has always used someone as a leader for Revival. Tommy Hicks is a sincere soul.

#### **SPEECH BY DEAN ROVASTI MUROMAN IN KAISANIEMI, HELSINKI**

God has sent among us a man, who has a message for us. We have witnessed it; we have seen how vigorous, direct, and natural he is.

Let none of us who belong to God be critical; instead let us pray.

When new awakening comes, and we believe it will, it will be entirely different than we have expected. God never repeats Himself. We good Lutherans, perhaps too good, often hope that everything will happen according to our plans. However, all of us have to follow the stream. Not one who belongs to God can stand in the way. We must let the Holy Spirit do its work, which He has meant for this particular time.

This is a partial report of the great Finnish revival beginning on July 20, 1956. Finland has experienced three great revivals in her history. On July 20th began the 4th, which was to become one of the most historical revivals that is ever recorded in Finnish history. It began in the city of Turku in the park, Kupidtaa,

which according to tradition, is where the first Finns were baptized into the Christian faith eight hundred years ago by an English Bishop, Henry.

### **WELCOME SERVICE**

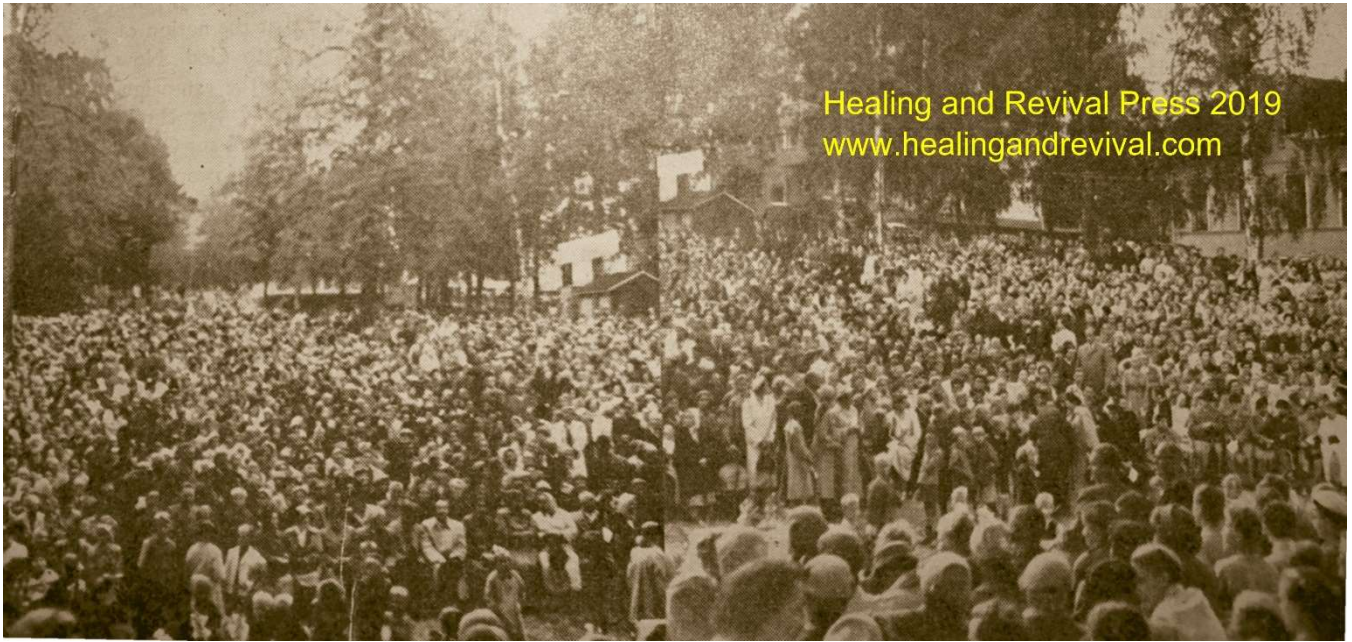
In the opening service Dean Osmo Alaja of Turku Cathedral welcomed Tommy Hicks to the city, in behalf of the city council. He spoke, and also a member of the Council, Lt. Col. Jarl Jarkka. One of the highlights of the meeting was an open-air meeting on the steps of the Turku Cathedral, the oldest church in Finland, of which history derives back to the twelfth century. The church is the seat of the Lutheran Archbishop of Finland. That was on the 22nd of July.

Evangelist Tommy Hicks paid a visit to the Kakola prison, the largest penitentiary in the land. There he spoke to an audience of over three hundred prisoners. The attendance was voluntary and many of the prisoners raised their hands.

**Jyvaskyla Park Amphitheater Where 20,000 Attended in the Evenings**







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