

SECRET PLACES TAMMINIEMI SAUNA

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Synopsis :

The Tamminiemi sauna, built for President Urho Kekkonen in 1956, started a plethora of rumors in its day. Who were the sauna guests of this exceptionally powerful president? Did he govern Finland through the network of his sauna friends? Rumors and speculations bloated the sauna's reputation to almost mythical proportions, reaching all over the world. Among others, a Kuwaiti newspaper "knew" that you could only prosper in the Finnish politics if you tolerated booze and hot steam of the sauna. The esteemed Financial Times in turn claimed that Kekkonen sweated his Soviet guests into cooperation in his sauna. It is said that the Tamminiemi sauna was the nerve center of Finnish power during Kekkonen's time. Very few people really knew what went on in the mysterious sauna. Kekkonen wanted to keep the sauna visits of the Soviet leaders and KGB agents tightly under wrap. "He was afraid of leaks", says Esa Seppänen, who was Kekkonen's second Aide-de-Camp from 1969 to 1971, and later studied Kekkonen's relationships to the Soviet leaders in his doctoral thesis. Leaks would have eroded the trust Kekkonen actively built for example in his sauna. Seppänen remarks that "the Russian people are characteristically suspicious of everything that comes from abroad". He says Kekkonen very early understood that in the Soviet, important issues are handled among trusted friends on the basis of mutual trust. Therefore, the sauna was an important medium for Kekkonen in diffusing this mistrust, so typical to the Russians. Huge issues were negotiated in the Tamminiemi sauna. These include for example the Finnish membership in the EFTA and the building of Kostamus town, on the Soviet side, with Finnish workforce. Every Saturday, the sauna hosted a group of Kekkonen's inner circle, influential figures in politics, science and culture. This "sauna circle" formed a network that provided Kekkonen with information and conveyed his messages to different areas of the society. "He sometimes told us here to contact this and that person and to convey this message", says Jouko Loikkanen, CEO. For almost 25 years, he was one of the regular sauna guests. Loikkanen also explains the sauna's role in the birth of the 1975 emergency government.

Tamminiemi sauna is a joint production of the European public service broadcasters. The programme is part of a series introducing historical forums and secret places in different countries. In addition to aforementioned Esa Seppänen and Jouko Loikkanen, interviewees include the President's grandson Timo Kekkonen and Chief Butler Pekka Vilpas.

The documentary is written and directed by Markku Lehtola.

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| 10:00:00 | | | night shot of the sauna in the winter |
| 10:00:09 | Markku Lehtola | <i>This humble building, a few kilometers outside downtown Helsinki, is the most controversial sauna in Finland. It has been called the place that for almost 25 years acted as the secret nerve center of Finnish political power.</i> | night shot of the sauna in the winter, fx of vasta bunch and water thrown on the stones |
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| 10:00:23 | Väinö Leskinen, archive | Kekkonen, Kekkonen, Kekkonen...Kekkonen | 1956 election results in the Parliament |
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| 10:00:36 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In February 1956, Urho Kekkonen is elected the President of Finland.</i> | 1956 election results in the Parliament |
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| 10:00:43 | Urho Kekkonen, archive | “I accept this high position with a humble mind, deeply aware of the heavy responsibility that comes with it.” | UKK oath ceremony 1956 |
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| 10:01:02 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Immediately, a sauna is commissioned for the official residence in Tamminiemi. The blueprints are finished in April, the sauna itself in the fall.</i> | aerial shots of Tamminiemi+ blueprints of the sauna superimposed + sounds of sauna bathing |

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| | | <i>The sauna is object to lot of speculations and rumors. Who are the sauna guest? Why does he take his guests to the sauna? What does sauna mean to Kekkonen himself?</i> | |
| 10:01:36 | Jouko Loikkanen | - For him, the sauna was a close friend, every week, for along time, every day. | Loikkanen arriving at Tamminiemi |
| 10:01:45 | Pekka Vilpas | - Welcome to the sauna! | Vilpas opens the door and welcomes Loikkanen |
| | | | Archive material of Tamminiemi sauna and Urho Kekkonen with bath whisk |
| 10:01:56 | Pekka Vilpas | I sometimes went there for the afterwarmth, it was great, the sauna room was great there and the steam was absolutely great. | 100% |
| 10:02:09 | Markku Lehtola | <i>For almost 25 years, CEO Jouko Loikkanen was among the inner circle of the President's sauna friends. He reminisces that the sauna tradition was familiar for Kekkonen from his childhood in the countryside.</i> | Loikkanen enters the sauna |
| | | | Archive material: collage of Finnish sauna tradition |
| 10:03:04 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Another factor for taking his guest to sauna was Kekkonen's experience of how the relaxed atmosphere in sauna helps in reaching an agreement in most difficult issues.</i> | The caretaker tending to the sauna. |
| 10:03:14 | Pekka Vilpas | Nobody is tense or bitter, no-one is an enemy. The sauna creates a relaxed, satisfied feeling and everyone is friends. | The caretaker tending to the sauna. 100 % Vilpas, end part |
| 10:03:27 | Urho Kekkonen | "The prevailing issue in the Finnish foreign policy is our | The caretaker tending to the sauna. |

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| | radio speech, archive | country's relationship with our Easter neighbor, the Soviet Union." "Clearing the mistrust and suspicion is a prerequisite for the development of mutual trust." | |
| 10:03:44 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Esa Seppänen was the President's Aide-de-Camp from 1969 to 1971.</i> | Seppänen enters UKK's office and studies his desk |
| 10:03:55 | Esa Seppänen | - This folder was my design. We sorted different papers into it. - We called this "the accordion". | 100 % |
| 10:04:07 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Seppänen is also a scholar. In his thesis about Kekkonen's relationship to the Soviet leaders, he writes that Kekkonen understood the Russian system where all important issues are handled among trusted friends.</i> | Seppänen writing his thesis |
| 10:04:22 | Esa Seppänen | - One of the main features of the Russian national character, regardless of the individual, is the mistrustful attitude to anything that comes from abroad. | Seppänen writing his thesis |
| 10:04:45 | Markku Lehtola | <i>For Kekkonen, the sauna was an important medium for diffusing this mistrust, so typical of the Russians.</i> | The caretaker tending to the sauna. |
| 10:04:57 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In June 1957, the General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin visited Finland. At the end of the third day of the visit, Kekkonen went to dinner at the Soviet Embassy.</i> | Archive material: shots of the visit + balalaika music |
| 10:05:14 | Pekka Vilpas | How long was the warming time for the Tamminiemi sauna? - I'd say for something like four hours.` | The caretaker tending to the sauna. 100 % Vilpas, end part |
| 10:05:23 | Esa Seppänen | - Toward the end of the dinner, around 11 pm, Kekkonen suddenly said: "Let's go to Tamminiemi and go to the | 100 % |

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| | | sauna.” | |
| 10:05:34 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Bulganin declined the invitation, but Khrushchev was curious and accepted. They slipped into the sauna in total secrecy, slipping from the press by using the embassy cars, not the official limos of the visit.</i> | cars at the embassy gates |
| 10:05:47 | Esa Seppänen | - The sauna was hot and ready, which proves that Kekkonen had already ordered the sauna to be readied. He must have had a clear plan. | smoke from the sauna chimney + closed stove door |
| 10:06:01 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen kept Khrushchev in the sauna until 5 am. The visit was a great success. The Soviet Union recognized Finland as a neutral state, but the hottest backwash of the visit took place in the Kremlin.</i> | Shots of the visit + steam on the stones |
| 10:06:15 | Esa Seppänen | - The aftermath was from the opposition, lead by Molotov. They had been preparing to overthrow Khrushchev while he was out of the country. - The main accusation was that he, a proper communist, had gone into a sauna, naked with a capitalist and non-socialist, and that is simply not done. | partly 100 %, partly shots of Kremlin, including Molotov |
| 10:06:36 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The accusation was just an excuse in internal power struggle, and later KGB agent Viktor Vladimirov revealed that the reactionaries falsely blamed the proper communist.</i> | Footage of the visit: Khrushchev alighting from a train |
| 10:06:42 | Esa Seppänen | - The memoirs of Viktor Vladimirov reveal that Khrushchev, in fact, was not naked but had big satin trousers on. - Vladimirov describes them as “family underpants”. | Final answer: Cardboard cut-out of Khrushchev, beginning 100 % |
| 10:06:56 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Seppänen asked a Soviet diplomat’s wife what these “family underpants” actually mean.</i> | Cardboard cut-out of Khrushchev |

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| 10:07:05 | Esa Seppänen | - The lady from the Embassy told me that the underwear was so big that a whole family would fit in. | 100 % |
| 10:07:24 | Markku Lehtola | <i>From 1958 on, Kekkonen kept a diary to support his memory. The diaries are kept in Orimattila in the Urho Kekkonen archives. Only the opening of the archives in the beginning of the 2000's revealed, how Kekkonen nurtured his relationships with the Soviet leaders with the help of his sauna.</i> | Entering the archives, removing diaries from the shelves |
| 10:07:50 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In September 1960, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev stopped by to congratulate Urho Kekkonen, who turned 60.</i> | Archive material: Kekkonen's 60 th birthday celebration, Kekkonen and Khrushchev at the open celebration, music: Finlandia, night shots of Tamminiemi |
| 10:07:58 | Announcer on the archive clip | <i>As the President and his spouse got out from the car, the thousands of citizens on the square burst into loud applause.</i> | |
| 10:08:07 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The gala dinner was very dignified. After the dinner, Kekkonen and Khrushchev took themselves quietly to Tamminiemi and had discussions that lasted overnight.</i> | |
| 10:08:24 | Reader of excerpts | "Several times, Khrushchev said to me: You are a magician in your relationship to us." | night shots + superimposed excerpts from the diary |
| 10:08:36 | Markku Lehtola | <i>At that time, the Soviet Union had a lot of power in Finnish politics. During the "magic night", Khrushchev agreed to Finland's ascension to the European free trade union EFTA as a non-voting member, if the Soviet Union will be awarded the same tariff benefits as the EFTA countries.</i> | footage from the sauna and the whole area |
| 10:08:50 | Announcer on the archive clip | The Moscow train has stopped at the Helsinki Railway Station, and Prime Minister Karjalainen is greeting Vice Premier Kosygin. | |
| 10:09:00 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Alexei Kosygin, a Soviet leader important for the Finnish-</i> | Archive material: Kosygin visit 1963 |

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| 10:09:08 | Aleksei Kosygin (voice of the interpreter) | <i>Soviet trade, sweated in Kekkonen's sauna for the first time in the spring of 1963.</i> <i>Long live the strong friendship between the peoples of the Soviet Union and Finland.</i> | |
| 10:09:14 | Esa Seppänen | - I doubt they engaged in any deep economic discussions at that time. | 100 % |
| 10:09:21 | Markku Lehtola | <i>They gauged each other's stamina for steam and built up their confidential relationship.</i> | Archive material: Kosygin visit 1963 + steam from the stove |
| 10:09:29 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In the summer of 1966, Kosygin came to Finland as the Soviet Premier.</i> | Archive material: Kosygin visit 1966 + footage from the official negotiations |
| 10:09:34 | TV NEWS 13.6.1966 | "Premier Alexei Kosygin and his entourage concluded the first day of their visit with a gala dinner, hosted by President and Mrs. Kekkonen at the Presidential Palace. | Archive footage: Kosygin's visit 1966 footage of arriving at the dinner, shaking hands |
| 10:09:45 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The news item was inaccurate, because the secret part of the visit was only beginning.</i> | night shots of Tamminiemi |
| 10:09:52 | Reader of excerpts | "In the Tamminiemi sauna with Kosygin and Stepanov. Started at 8.30 pm and ended at 2.15 am." | night shots of sauna + superimposed excerpts of the diary |
| 10:10:06 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In the sauna, Kosygin and Kekkonen laid groundwork for example for the building of Kostamus town, on the Soviet side, by Finnish construction companies. The Helsinki bureau chief of the Soviet intelligence agency KGB, Vladimir Stepanov, acted as the interpreter. There were no other people in the sauna.</i> | Evening shots of Tamminiemi in the summer |
| 10:10:29 | Aleksei Kosygin leaving 1966, | Da svidanja, finski soldate! (Good morning, Finnish | Archive footage Kosygin saluting the |

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| | honor guard, archive | Soldiers!) Good morning, Mr. Premier! | honor guard, leaving to the tunes of March of Pori |
| 10:10:42 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The most avid of Tamminiemi's Soviet sauna guests was Nikolai Patolichev, the Minister for Foreign Trade.</i> | Archive footage: Patolichev arriving in 1966 |
| 10:10:49 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The role of Patolichev was mostly limited to implementing the wishes of the Soviet top leadership in practice.</i> | Archive footage: Patolichev arriving in 1966 |
| 10:10:55 | Reader of excerpts | "Patolichev explained that he had received an order to agree to what President Kekkonen proposes." | Diary entry |
| 10:11:08 | Markku Lehtola | <i>However, not all Soviet leaders were charmed by Kekkonen's sauna diplomacy. In October 1969, he took President Nikolai Podgorny to the sauna over night, but they failed to find a common ground.</i> | Archive footage: Podgorny visit in 1969, arrival ceremonies at the airport, the Soviet anthem, hugs |
| 10:11:27 | Markku Lehtola | <i>In spite of his promises, the cautious President Leonid Brezhnev could not be lured into Kekkonen's sauna.</i> | Archive footage: Brezhnev and UKK at the palace |
| 10:11:37 | Esa Seppänen | -Brezhnev suffered from a deep inferiority complex, he carefully avoided all situations with close proximity to Kekkonen. | 100 % + archive footage: Day of the President, Kekkonen in the sauna |
| 10:11:48 | Urho Kekkonen, archive | "As they used to say: It was so good, dammit." | Archive footage: Day of the President, in the sauna, UKK laughing |
| 10:11:54 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen spoke hardly any Russian. Still, he sometimes negotiated with the Soviet leaders only in the presence of a Russian interpreter. He had no way of knowing whether the interpreter translated correctly or what his guests talked amongst themselves.</i> | summer footage of the sauna exterior |
| 10:12:09 | Esa Seppänen | - He took a big risk, but he felt that in the situation it was | 100 % |

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| | | more important to create a confidential atmosphere, it was the most important thing for the Russian way of thinking. | |
| 10:12:23 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Sometimes, the interpreter was KGB's Vladimir Stepanov. Many felt that he got much too close to Kekkonen.</i> | Archive footage: Stepanov entering Tamminiemi |
| 10:12:32 | Reader of excerpts | “Stepanov came to dinner and sauna. Just the two of us.” | night shots of the sauna + superimposed excerpt of the diary |
| 10:12:39 | Markku Lehtola | <i>One-on-one, Kekkonen negotiated with Stepanov for example about the Kostamus building project and even about the possibility to return the areas of Karelia ceded to the Soviet Union in the Second World War back to Finland. Issues of great magnitude.</i> | night shots of the sauna |
| 10:12:49 | Esa Seppänen | These issues were discussed in the Tamminiemi sauna with Stepanov, and he delivered the messages to the Soviet leaders. | 100 % |
| 10:13:01 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Seppänen feels it is not important to underline the fact that Stepanov was a KGB agent.</i> | night shots of the sauna |
| 10:13:06 | Esa Seppänen | The most important thing was that the President had a direct channel through Stepanov to the highest Soviet leadership. | 100 % |
| 10:13:16 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen had agent connections with the West as well. In 1963, Rex Bosley of the British Secret Service came to the Tamminiemi sauna and informed Kekkonen of the suspicions in the West that Kekkonen was in fact employed by the Soviet Union.</i> | Archive footage: Footage of MI6, for example |
| 10:13:34 | Reader of the excerpt | “For me, this Western opinion is valuable. I must somehow convey to the Soviets that the West finds me enigmatic and even suspicious. This will strengthen my position in the eyes | Archive footage: Day of the President, UKK in his study or jogging in the nearby park |

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| | | of the Soviets.” | |
| 10:13:50 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen used the information from agents as bargaining chips. Rex Bosley happened to like his drink, so he may well have been one of the guests who teetered out of the Tamminiemi sauna.</i> | night shots of people staggering out of the sauna |
| 10:14:16 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Saturdays were reserved for Kekkonen’s sauna circle, who some said was the shadow government. The President’s grandson Timo often went to the sauna with his mother and sister to taste the first bite of the steam before the sauna circle.</i> | Timo Kekkonen arriving in Tamminiemi |
| 10:14:32 | Timo Kekkonen | - Later, I was more and more part of Grandfather’s normal sauna circle. | 100 % |
| 10:14:40 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The sauna circle included about 15 eminent people close to Kekkonen’s own party. The permanent quests included many-time Prime Minister Ahti Karjalainen, Kekkonen’s son Matti Kekkonen, Jouko Loikkanen who served as the secretary to many Prime Ministers, linguist and academician Lauri Posti, Director General of the Finnish Broadcasting Company Eino S. Repo, department head from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Matti Tuovinen and folklorist, academician Kustaa Vilkuna.</i> | Graphics: Sauna circle Vilpas enter the sauna with towels |
| 10:15:24 | Jouko Loikkanen | -President Kekkonen sat always at the edge, beside him was his son, Matti Kekkonen, and this was my seat. -When we first went into the sauna, the temperature was around 80 Celsius. Then we opened this hatch and soon the temperature rose to about 100 degrees. | 100 % Loikkanen demonstrates the stove hatch |
| 10:15:55 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen did not like his sauna too hot. Once, the</i> | Archive footage: Day of the President, |

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| | | <i>temperature was at 100 degrees when he entered the sauna, and the then janitor Runar Rönberg was terrified.</i> | Kekkonen sweating, Vilpas setting out towels on the deck chairs |
| 10:16:08 | Pekka Vilpas | - Runar was totally blown by this incident, how could this happen to him of all people etc. But this was only one episode in the course of things, he really knew how to warm up the sauna to a perfection. | Cut from the towels to 100 % |
| 10:16:23 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The sauna circle arrived at the sauna soon after 5 pm. The routine never varied. After taking their clothes off, the guests went for the first round of sauna.</i> | entering the anteroom Archive footage: Loikkanen and Posti from the chairs into the steam room, throwing water on the stove |
| 10:16:42: | Jouko Loikkanen | - At 5.30 pm we came to listen to the news from the radio, and it took place in total silence. | 100 % + opening up the old radio |
| 10:16:54 | Announcer on the archive clip Radio broadcast 2.3.1963 | “The 10-day visit of Prime Minister and Mrs. Ahti Karjalainen to the Soviet Union is over.” There were discussions about renting the Saimaa Channel to the Finns? - Yes, nothing new emerged. We just concluded that the draft contract is under discussions in the Finnish Parliament.” | travel radio Archive footage: Listening faces, from the Day of the President |
| 10:17:17 | Urho Kekkonen, archive | <i>It is six o'clock sharp.</i> | Archive footage: the Day of the President, the steam room |
| 10:17:22 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Usually, the sauna circle went into the steam room twice, cooled off twice and washed themselves. All this lasted 1,5 hours, maximum.</i> | |
| 10:17.40 | Markku Lehtola | <i>The influential members of the sauna circle had extensive networks, spanning the whole society, so through them, Kekkonen was constantly on the know about very diverse issues.</i> | Archive footage: talking in the steam room |

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| 10:17:53 | Jouko Loikkanen | - Some people feel Kekkonen was a person who preferred being the first to know if anything was happening. | 100 % |
| 10:18:05 | Cabinet meeting, a minister, archive | Mister President, I respectfully submit that you, Mister President, would submit these three motions to the Parliament. | |
| 10:18:12 | Urho Kekkonen, archive | I carry the motion. | |
| 10:18:14 | Markku Lehtola | <i>However, Timo Kekkonen feels that the sauna circle was for his grandfather first and foremost a way of distancing himself from the very formal discussions of his working days.</i> | Archive footage: group of visitors to the palace |
| 10:18:25 | Timo Kekkonen | - When you go into the sauna with your friends, even though some of them still will call you Mr. President, the atmosphere was very likely totally different from the very formal events during the day. | 100 % + archive footage: the Day of the President, cooling outside the sauna |
| 10:18:43 | Urho Kekkonen, archive | “You know us artists.” (singing a folk song) Come, dance with me. My voice is a bit hoarse.” | Archive footage: Day of the President, in the sauna, UKK singing |
| 10:19:04 | Pekka Vilpas | Did the sauna circle drink a lot every Saturday in the Tamminiemi sauna? - No, no, not at all, no no. - Alcohol was never a part of it, in no way. | 100 % + and shots of Vilpas carrying soda bottles |
| 10:19:19 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Vilpas explained that Kekkonen offered beer and soft drinks for his sauna circle. Loikkanen remembers only one time when there were hard liquors in the sauna.</i> | Vilpas pouring soft drinks into glasses |
| 10:19:29 | Jouko Loikkanen | - The President had brought some of his hunting friends here, and we drank some whisky in honor of the moose. | 100 % |

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| 10:19:43 | Archive footage of discussions in sauna by UKK et a | No, I've often noticed that Matti is right. He's right when he has friends to defend him. You don't do it too much. I've done enough for you. | |
| 10:20:00 | Markku Lehtola | <i>A most interesting question is whether the sauna circle had any influence in Kekkonen's politics and whether they discussed politics.</i> | Archive footage: the Day of the President, chatting in the steam room |
| 10:20:07 | Timo Kekkonen | - The discussions didn't so much focus on daily politics, but were more about general issues, general knowledge, often about history and society. | 100 % |
| 10:20:21 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Saturday, November 22nd of 1975. There are almost 63,000 unemployed, which equals 3% of the work force, and the country lacks a viable majority government. Loikkanen, who had participated in the grid locked government negotiations, tells Kekkonen that without his strong intervention, there will be no government.</i> | night shots of the sauna and Tamminiemi in the winter |
| 10:20:48 | Jouko Loikkanen | - Kekkonen was, should I say, excited about this to the extent that he asked me to prepare a memo about it. | 100 % |
| 10:20:58 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen received Loikkanen's memo on Monday, and three days later, he forcefully and with great show, forms a majority government.</i> | Archive footage: beginning of the government selection process |
| 10:21:05 | Urho Kekkonen, archive 27.11.1975 | "My recipe is as follows: the parties represented here now will form a majority government for the country under the leadership of Governor Miettinen. This will be a government for the national state of emergency." | 100 % |
| 10:21:21 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Kekkonen's recipe worked and a five-party emergency government was born.</i> | Archive footage: forming the government, the Day of the President, chatting in the steam room |

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| | | <i>The sauna circle was not important for Kekkonen's use of power only as a source of information. The sauna guests of the President also conveyed information and opinions from the President to different sectors of the society.</i> | |
| 10:21:42 | Jouko Loikkanen | - He sometimes told us here to contact this and that person and to convey this message. | 100 % |
| 10:21:54 | Markku Lehtola | <i>Even during Kekkonen's lifetime, rumors and speculations bloated the sauna's reputation to almost mythical proportions, reaching all over the world. It was said that you could only succeed in Finland if you could tolerate booze and hot steam. An influential financial newspaper "knew" how Kekkonen handled his relationships with the Soviet leaders.</i> | summer aerial shots + Financial Times graphics + sounds of steam |
| 10:22:14 | Reader of the Excerpt | "These relations have been cultivated at informal shooting and drinking parties and on occasions Kekkonen has sweated Soviet visitors into understanding in his sauna." | Graph of the Financial Times |
| 10:22:28 | Markku Lehtola | <i>As a scholar, Esa Seppänen does not buy these claims of "sweating" people, and reminds us of the Premier Kosygin's visit in the summer of 1966.</i> | Seppänen and Loikkanen in the showers |
| 10:22:38 | Esa Seppänen | - Every other day, they came to this sauna, three times a week. I doubt Kosygin would have returned if he felt that he was being manipulated the first time. | 100 % |
| 10:22:55 | Markku Lehtola | <i>But Kekkonen was a firm believer of the sauna's ability to create peace. A case in point is a situation in January 1976, when the wage negotiations between employers and labor unions were at an impasse.</i> <i>At night, Kekkonen ordered the negotiators to report to him</i> | Shots of the Employers' organization headquarters + night shots of the sauna + archive footage: Day of the President, laughter in the sauna |

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| 10:23:24 | Urho Kekkonen | <i>in Tamminiemi from downtown Helsinki in the morning and took them to the sauna straight away. They negotiated, and soon, a contract was signed.</i> <i>This is beginning to go smoothly.</i> | |
| 10:23:29 | Markku Lehtola | <i>And how secret was this sauna then? According to Timo Kekkonen, the traditional Saturday sauna was not especially secret. The secretive atmosphere was linked to situations with difficult issues being negotiated.</i> | Timo Kekkonen going to the balcony |
| 10:23:44 | Timo Kekkonen | - It must have been easier to tackle difficult problems in an environment where you knew everything stays between those walls. | Timo Kekkonen looking towards the sauna |
| 10:23:54 | Markku Lehtola | <i>According to the scholar, Kekkonen wanted to keep the sauna visits of the Soviet leaders and KGB agents tightly under wrap, and succeeded in it.</i> | night shots of the sauna |
| 10:24:07 | Esa Seppänen | - He was afraid of leaks, certainly, and was always careful not to put himself in a position where any information could have been used wrongly against him. | 100 % |
| 10:24:21 | Markku Lehtola | <i>However, one can never be totally certain that what is said in the sauna stays in the sauna. Every so often it was feared that the visitors hid their listening devices in the sauna.</i> | Looking for bugs in the sauna |
| 10:24:32 | Esa Seppänen | - Concrete evidence exists of, for example, some Soviet guests carrying some devices in their pockets, and this gave reason to believe that these devices may be somewhere else as well. | 100 %, night shots |
| 10:24:53 | Markku Lehtola | <i>To those who experienced the events in this secret place,</i> | Vilpas lighting a fire in the fireplace. |

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| | | <i>returning to the sauna still evokes warm feelings.</i> | |
| 10:25:02 | Pekka Vilpas | - I was a little moved there, the memories of people who visited the sauna and whom I met with the President, you cannot really forget them. | Fire in the fireplace, Vilpas looking into the fire |
| 10:25:30 | Timo Kekkonen | The sauna in Tamminiemi, fishing trips to the Turku archipelago, those were moments when we saw Grandfather more as a person, not as the President. This is one of the reasons why I have such warm memories of the sauna. | Archive footage: Timo Kekkonen fishing with UKK, testing the temperature of the pool |
| 10:25:53 | Urho Kekkonen on the radio, archive | “My life’s work is to implement the Finnish policy of neutrality. I will keep working for the conservation and strengthening of this policy until my last breath.” | Timo Kekkonen looking at the photo of his grandfather Archive footage: the Day of the President, UKK in the steam room |
| | Urho Kekkonen died on 31.8.1986. | | fade out sauna noises, fade in Sibelius’ Impromptu house in the dark, one light shining, then is switched off, interior shots: desk, calendar, clock, slippers |
| | The sauna in Tamminiemi is now part of the Urho Kekkonen Museum, open to the public throughout the year. | | night shots of the Tamminiemi house in the dark, the music continues |
| 10:27:09 - 10:27:42 | End credits | | night shots, air photo of the Tamminiemi |
| 10:27:48 | | | EBU theme |
| 10:27:55 | | | |