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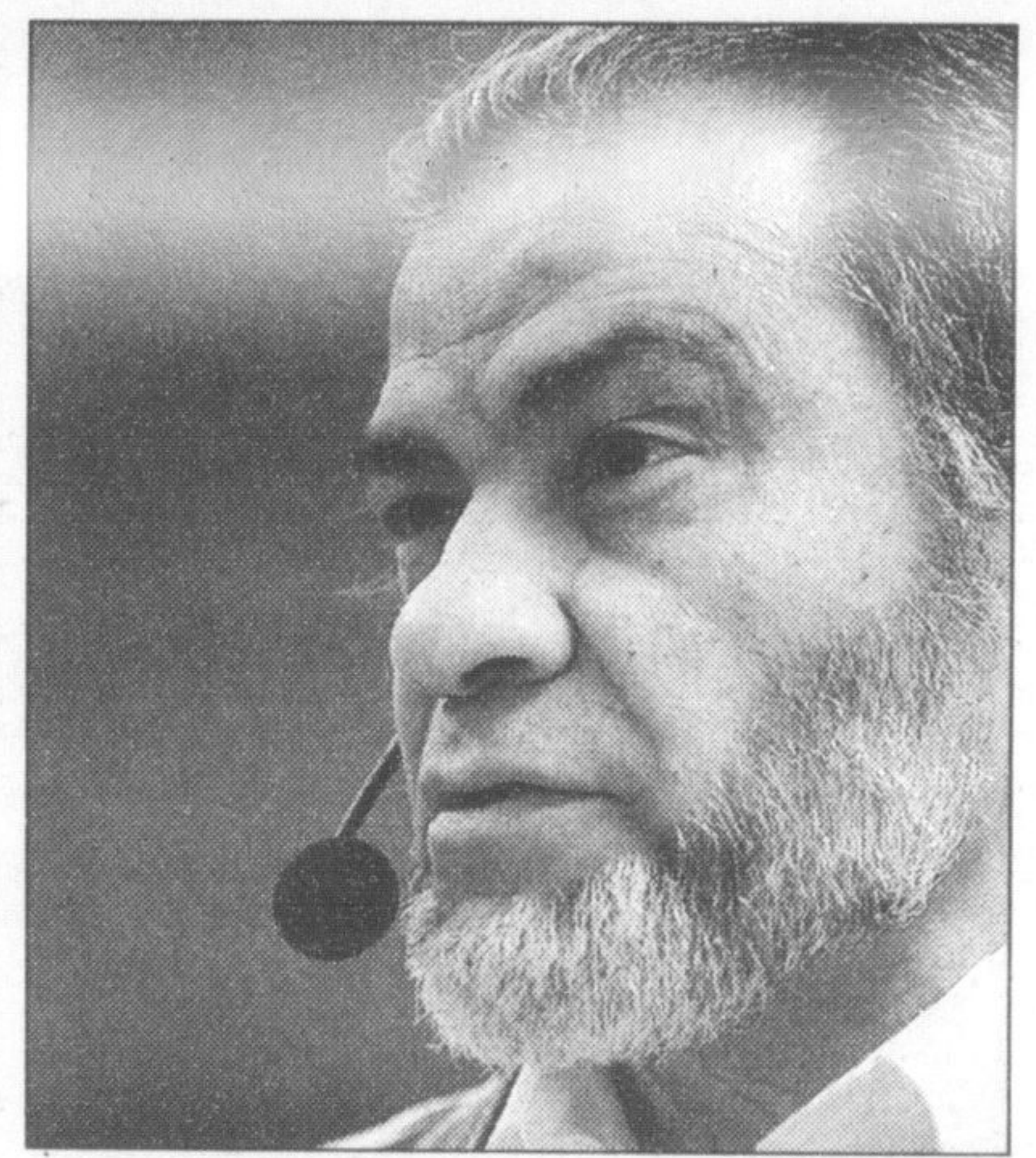
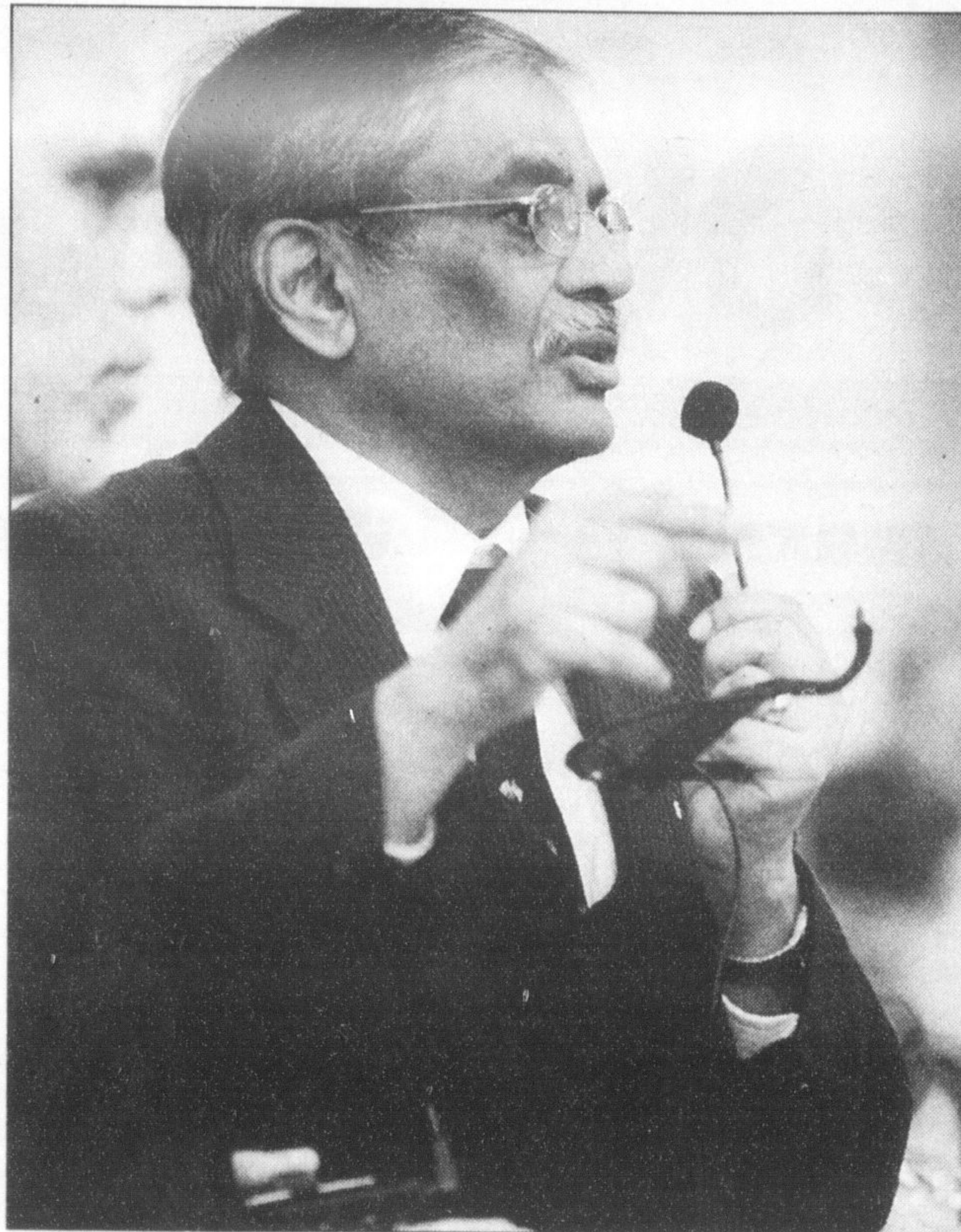
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TALKING RELIGION: The Burlington Seniors' Centre served as a venue Sunday night to discuss the Muslim faith in general and, in particular, the recent vocal and violent reaction to published newspaper cartoons considered blasphemous to Muslim followers throughout the world. Among those taking part in the evening's discussion are, clockwise from left, Daniel Charles; former president of the Halton Islamic Association Mohamed Khattab; and Mira Khattab.

Halton Muslims express outrage over cartoons

By Melanie Cummings
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

A "blessing in disguise." That's how Dr. Arafat El Ashi of the Halton Islamic Association describes the caricatures of the Muslim prophet Muhammad that appeared in a Danish newspaper and recently sparked outrage, threats and deadly violence worldwide.

"It has fueled interest in our

religion and spawned a humane reaction from those asking 'what's going on?'" said Ashi.

And it also prompted the Halton Islamic Association to host a public meeting Sunday night where more than 100 residents filled the Burlington Seniors' Centre.

"Why would anyone want to offend their neighbour," asked Ashi who's the author of several articles on the Muslim faith.

"It's fine if some people don't believe in Muhammad, but I do, and so does one-quarter of the world's population" he said, referring to the cartoons published in the conservative daily Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten September 30, 2005 (and subsequently reprinted in full or part in 50 other countries).

One of the illustrations depicted the Muslim prophet's

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