

TRANSCRIPT OF FILMED NEWS REPORT OF MEETING AT MANCHESTER

TOWN HALL on 21st OCTOBER, 1989

(as transmitted by BBC Television News on that date)

Introductory remarks by news presenter, Moira Stuart:-

M.S. "Dr. Kalim Siddiqui demanded the book's total withdrawal" (First part of her remarks not on tape)

Filmed pictures of chanting members of the audience, general view of the Council Chamber, platform and audience and guests taking their seats. Then banners being marched in and paraded around the perimeter of the Chamber. During which:-

Voice over of Andrew Burroughs, BBC reporter (Caption superimposed 'Andrew Burroughs Manchester'-)

A.B. "An atmosphere of muslim fervour had gripped the Council Chamber at Manchester Town Hall when the city's bishop and the shadow Foreign Secretary, Gerald Kaufman, took their seats as honoured guests. They had expected a joyous religious occasion marking the birthday of the prophet Mohammed. They hadn't realised the proceedings were about to be effectively hijacked by the Director of the Muslim Institute, a pro-Iranian organisation who'd come to re-affirm the Ayatollah's death threat against Salman Rushdie."

Filmed pictures of Dr. Kalim Siddiqui (Caption superimposed 'Dr. Kalim Siddiqui, Director, Muslim Institute')  
- in sound and vision:-

K.S. "This author and his book have got to go. We muslims are ready to do all that it takes to see that they do."

Voice over of Andrew Burroughs BBC reporter:-

A.B. "Upstaging the muslim moderates, who'd organised the meeting, he called for a show of hands in favour of Rushdie's death."

Filmed pictures of ~~man~~ in white, (?) with arm raised chanting "Death to Rushdie? Death to Rushdie! Death to RUSHDIE!", and of the audience, also with arms raised, chanting "Death to Rushdie! Death to Rushdie! Death to Rushdie!"

Filmed pictures then follow of Gerald Kaufman and another unidentified man walking along a corridor in the town hall.

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Voice over of Andrew Burroughs:-

A.B. "Mr. Kaufman was leaving for another Muslim function as the tirade began."

Filmed interview between Andrew Burroughs (out-of-vision) and Gerald Kaufman:-

A.B. "Are you happy to share a platform with Dr. Siddiqui, who's called for Rushdie's death?" (Caption superimposed 'Gerald Kaufman')

G.K. "I did not know who was going to be on this platform. I accepted this invitation on the basis of coming and speaking. Obviously I am completely opposed to anybody demanding the death of Rushdie and I made that extremely clear."

Filmed pictures of Bishop of Manchester at meeting.

Voiceover of Andrew Burroughs:-

A.B. "The Bishop of Manchester had failed to stop the death threats with his own plea for intolerance but said he was glad he'd come to represent the Christian view. It was clear that other themes which might have been emphasised had been drowned out by militancy over the Rushdie affair."

The final filmed pictures screened during the latter part of Andrew Burrough's remarks, were of a young boy chanting and holding a banner bearing the English words 'Anniversary of the Prophet of Islam - The Message of Islam is Love and Peace - Manchester Central Mosque-Whalley Range Centre'.