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# ***THE RESCUE & THE RAG***

While the members of the Liverpool Supporters' Union, Spirit of Shankly, join with the Hillsborough Family Support Group, the Hillsborough Justice Campaign and Liverpool fans around the world in remembering and honouring the dead, bereaved and ongoing victims of the 15th April 1989, we also want to remind, remember and reinforce the "Other" 20th anniversary occurring this Spring, namely the boycott of The S\*n newspaper.

On the 19th April 1989, while Liverpool football supporters lay dead or injured and a city, its families and its football club were suffering strongly from what had happened at Hillsborough less than 96 hours earlier, The S\*n newspaper, edited by Kelvin McKenzie, published a front page article headed "The Truth". The article was subtitled with three major allegations against Liverpool fans at the ill-fated match. It asserted that "*Some fans picked pockets of victims*"; "*Some fans urinated on the brave cops*" and "*Some fans beat up PC giving kiss of life*". The paper that day contained many more blatant lies and unsubstantiated allegations which are not worthy of repetition. It was packed full of deliberate disinformation designed to disgrace the good name of those who had suffered, in order to derail attention from those who had perpetrated the disaster.

What is worthy of repetition is the REAL TRUTH of the rescue that day. The REAL TRUTH of the rescue that day is that it was performed by the very people who were crushed in Pens 3 & 4 and those who witnessed the slaughter. In support of those who were killed, those who were injured and those who saved lives that day (everyone of them Liverpool supporters ) please remember the REAL TRUTH of the rescue that day. Support and spread the boycott of the S\*n newspaper.

The deliberate disinformation dished out about the disaster deeply hurt families, fans and the rescuers at a time when so many of our own were still suffering deeply. The response from the people of our city, our Club and supporters was spontaneous, starting with setting the paper alight on the streets of Kirkby, instantaneously supported by Liverpool students with an orchestrated boycott. Family support groups, supporters groups and individual fans backed up the boycott, which is still supported and stays strong to this day. Estimates suggest that sales of the paper dropped by 80% in the Merseyside area in the aftermath of the disaster, and the depressed circulation continues to date.

The Spirit of Shankly calls upon all people, but particularly Liverpool fans, residents of the City and football fans generally to continue the boycott of The S\*n. To inform friends, family, colleagues and fellow football fans as to the REAL TRUTH about the Hillsborough rescue. To reject the lies perpetrated by that newspaper and particularly the disgraced Kelvin McKenzie who despite his blatant lies and deliberate disgraceful deceit still gains employment.

We demand that the REAL TRUTH about the Hillsborough rescue be remembered and our remembrance of the deceased, injured and rescuers on that awful day be reinforced with a reminder and a request to reject the rag that ran the rancid story.

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