

count-down to Sinn Féin's inclusion in the talks could only begin when the British government are convinced of the permanence of the cease-fire. — *Irish News*, 17 September 1994.

"Mr Major made it clear when he visited Northern Ireland on Friday that he was still waiting for a categorical assurance from the IRA that their cessation was permanent before the clock would start on the three month count-down to Sinn Féin's acceptance in talks." — *Daily Express*, 19 September 1994.

"We had, just over a fortnight ago, an indication from the IRA that they have given up violence. They have said they have given up violence in all circumstances and I hope that is true.

"What we are waiting to hear is that they have given up violence in all circumstances for all time." John Major — *Newsletter*, 20 September 1994.

"Mr Major told the BBC he believed the IRA was trying to find its way to making clear that it wanted to give up violence for good. 'Once that has happened we are on a path where, in due course, Sinn Féin can join political talks,' he said.

"They could settle the matter immediately by making it clear that what they have said is meant to convey that they have given up violence for good. The moment they have said that, we can enter into preliminary talks. If they were to say that today, we could be talking at or around Christmas'." John Major — *The Guardian*, 24 September 1994.

"It is good that John Major appears to be inching his way towards an acceptance of the inevitability of talks with Sinn Féin.

"The sooner Mr Major matches his words with

deeds, the sooner the peace process can move forward." Gerry Adams — *Newsletter*, 24 September 1994.

"I want to see a permanent peace.

"I've spent my life struggling, with others, to get the conditions for a permanent peace. I'm not interested in any temporary suspension." Gerry Adams — *Speaking on ABC's Good Morning America* programme, 25 September 1994.

"I have said throughout I have no doubt the IRA campaign is over. Sinn Féin has described my interpretation as correct. All anyone has to do is not only read the IRA statement and its definitive commitment to the peaceful and democratic process but look to the statement issued by the Taoiseach, Gerry Adams and myself after our meeting, all totally committing ourselves to the democratic process and that the problem can only be solved with unionist participation. That language could not be clearer.

"I want to see dialogue between all elected parties beginning as soon as possible." SDLP leader John Hume when asked about the continuing British reluctance to accept the IRA cease-fire was permanent. — *Irish News*, 26 September 1994.

"They are working behind the scenes, in front of the scenes, beside the scenes, above the scenes and below the scenes." Gerry Adams when asked by a reporter if the British were working against him in trying to obstruct his access in Washington. — *Irish Times*, 29 September 1994.

"One of the most distinguished world leaders to come to the United States." New York city comptroller Mr Alan Hevisi on the Sinn Féin president's visit to New York. — *Irish Times*, 29 September 1994.

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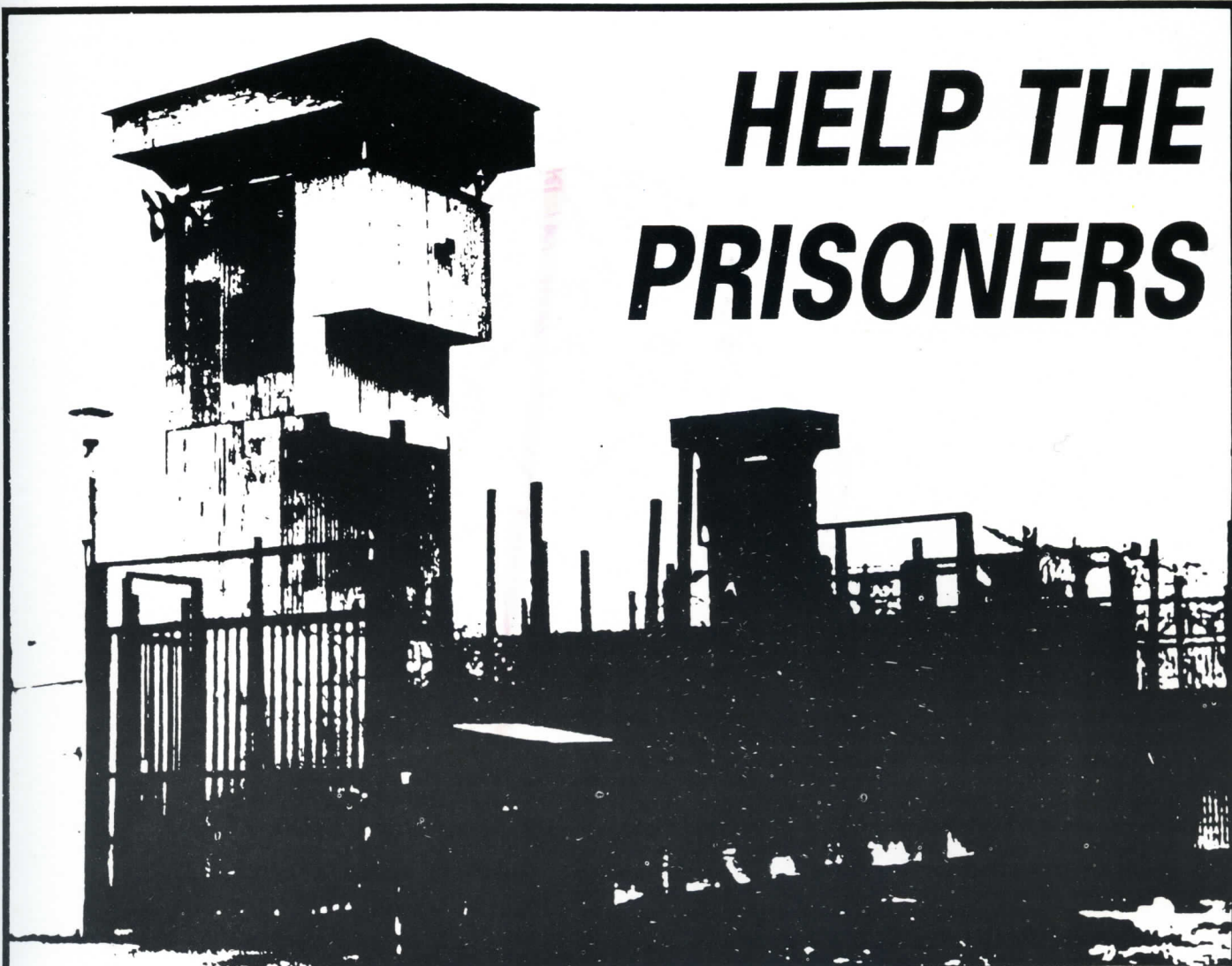
Swift like summer lightning,
Bold yet weary,
Your movement seems hyper,
Distinguishes your characteristic.

I often wonder,
Is your constant appearance

Greedy,
Or is it
You are feeding some young life,
Dependent, needy?

Whatever,
I'll gladly share my daily ration
Two minds,
A single thought.

■ By Tony Doherty (Long Kesh)



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