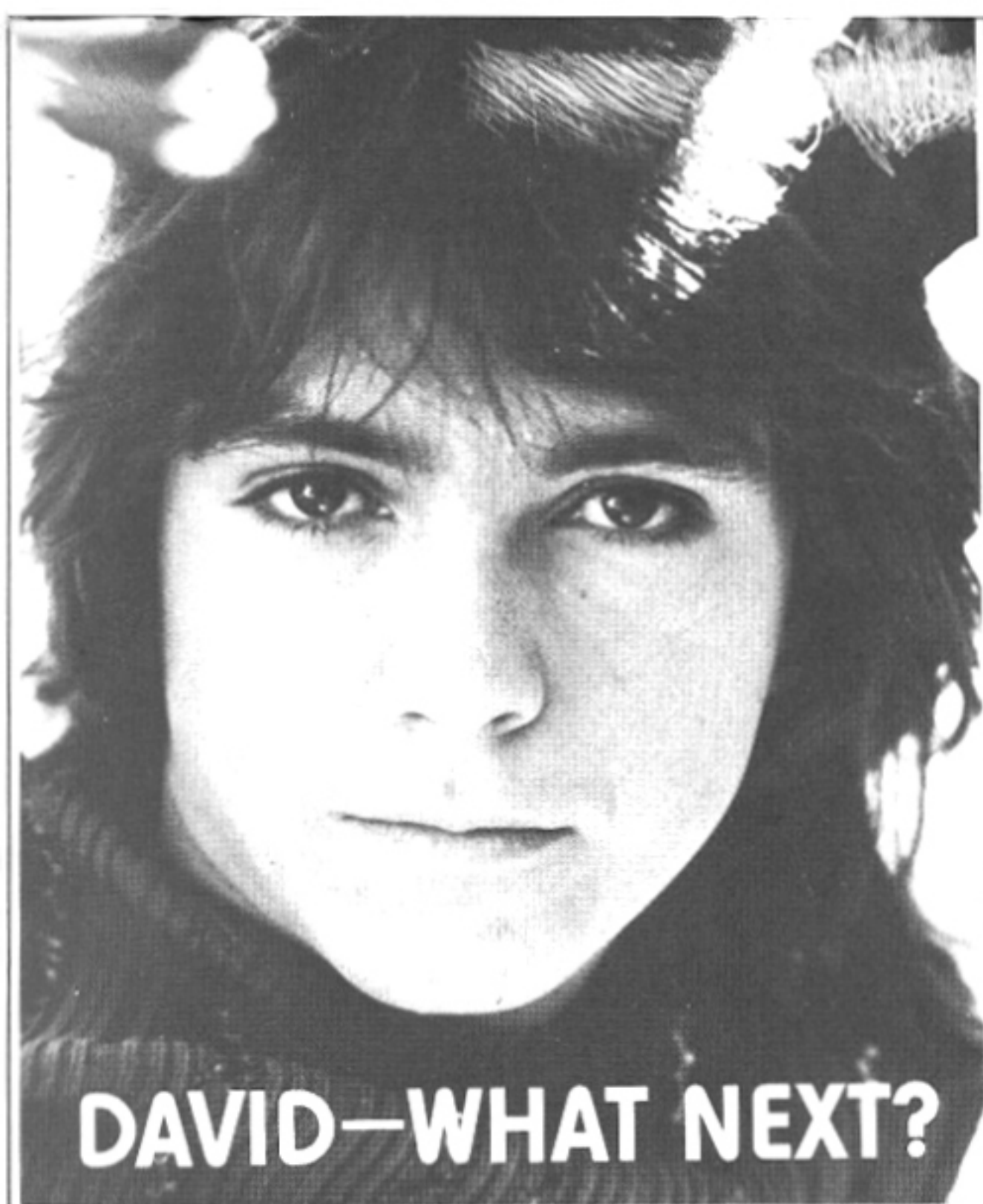




DAVID—WHAT NEXT?

CONTINUING OUR DAVID CASSIDY SPECIAL

When we met David Cassidy, we quickly realised that we were talking to someone very tired, and in need of a long break from work. The scene was London Airport, and David was just about to return to the United States after his lightning visit to this country, only a few weeks ago.

"WELL, I'm not too tired," David smiled, "just a little exhausted after my flight here. I still haven't gotten over the jet-lag thing."

"I had worked all day for about thirteen hours before I got on the plane to Los Angeles, you see, then I got into New York at 6.30 in the morning, ready to board my plane for the next stage of the flight at 9.30. All in all, it was pretty tiring!"

"The flight was fun, though. There was one hysterical event, which I'll never forget."

"I have this guy in Los Angeles, you see, who makes all my stage clothes. He made me a really neat suit for my Top of the Pops appearance, which I kept in a special container with the rest of my bags when I set off from Los Angeles."

"However, by some error, everything got mislaid at the airport, and so I was left with the jeans and the tee-shirt that I was wearing!"

"Anyway, there I was up in the lounge of an aeroplane, flying thousands of feet above the Atlantic with six people madly trying to sew me up in a suit, size 46. Now, since I wear size 38, you can imagine the scene!"

"It was fun, though!"

The whole thing seemed typical of the chaos that David has lived through for the past two or three years, and we asked David if he planned to ease off a little in the future.

"Well, I'm not going to retire or anything," David laughed, "but I do want to give up a few of my commitments and keep some more of my time to myself."

"I have almost finished work on The Partridge Family now, and there are no plans for me to do any more guest appearances or anything."

"What I'm actually moving on to is another matter, however! Probably the first thing that I'll do is have a rest for a month or two, and then plan some tours maybe. I'm certainly eager to get back here to my British fans again, that's for sure."

"Apart from that, though, my plans are still very vague. I really just want to sit back for a while and think about things properly."

"I started out work as a theatre actor, and I thought at first that I'd go back to that. But I'm not sure that I'd be that happy there."

"What I would like to do is a film that gives me something to do other than my previous television experience. I only want to do something that is new, something fresh."

"If one comes along next month, fine. If it doesn't come along for five years, okay I wait!"

"I'm in no rush!"

David could be definite about one

thing — his enthusiasm for his new album, 'Dreams Are Nuthin' More Than Wishes.'

"The album is by far my best one, I think," David began, "basically because it's the most personal thing I've ever done. It represents me as a person."

"All I wanted to do was to get down on record some of the old songs that have been buzzing around in my head for so long."

"Each song represents one little segment of my life, it's almost like flashing back to an old diary or something."

"For example, there's one song called 'Bali Ha'i.' The first time I heard that song, I was about four years old. I can remember the occasion quite distinctly."

"It was a really hot summer's day, and I was lying on my bed in New Jersey. I woke up to hear my father singing it in the bathroom, and it's been in my head all that time."

"Apart from just the songs, recording the album was a lot of fun. I have a new producer, Rick Jarrard, and he's really good for me."

"You see, I've got five million ideas inside my head, but I can never tell which are good and which are bad. Rick tells me!"

"What I did was to give him my ideas, and he'd say whether or not something was worth doing — and then he'd give me as much help and advice as he could."

"We'd just sit in the studio and have a ball."

"Really the album is a sort of play in that it has a beginning and an end, and continues like a story throughout."

"The story is me."



NEXT WEEK

We give you the chance to win that album AND signed poster of David!!! Don't miss that!