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An end to the teenybop hype

September 16, 1973: The 52-strong film crew of the <<Partridge Family>> and countless journalists from all over the world board the ocean liner "T.S.S. Fairsea". Most prominent land rat: Keith Partridge alias David Cassidy. The "T.S.S.>> is the setting for another episode of the popular American television series, in which Keith Partridge this time tries to protect his sister Laurie (Susan Dey) from what he imagines to be an international jewel smuggler, but who in the end turns out to be a completely innocent and thoroughly likeable young man.

The content concept is not new. Everything as usual. Cheers, hustle and bustle, entanglements, mistaken identities and the obligatory happy ending. The Partridge family as it always was, but not for much longer. Because by the end of 1974, the show's superstar, teenybop idol David Cassidy, will turn his back on the family circle. On the following page, David Cassidy explains why this decision was made, why he is generally fed up with his role as "Mr. Teenybop" and how he envisages his future career.

David Cassidy during the filming of "Partridge Family" on the "T.S.S. Fairsea"