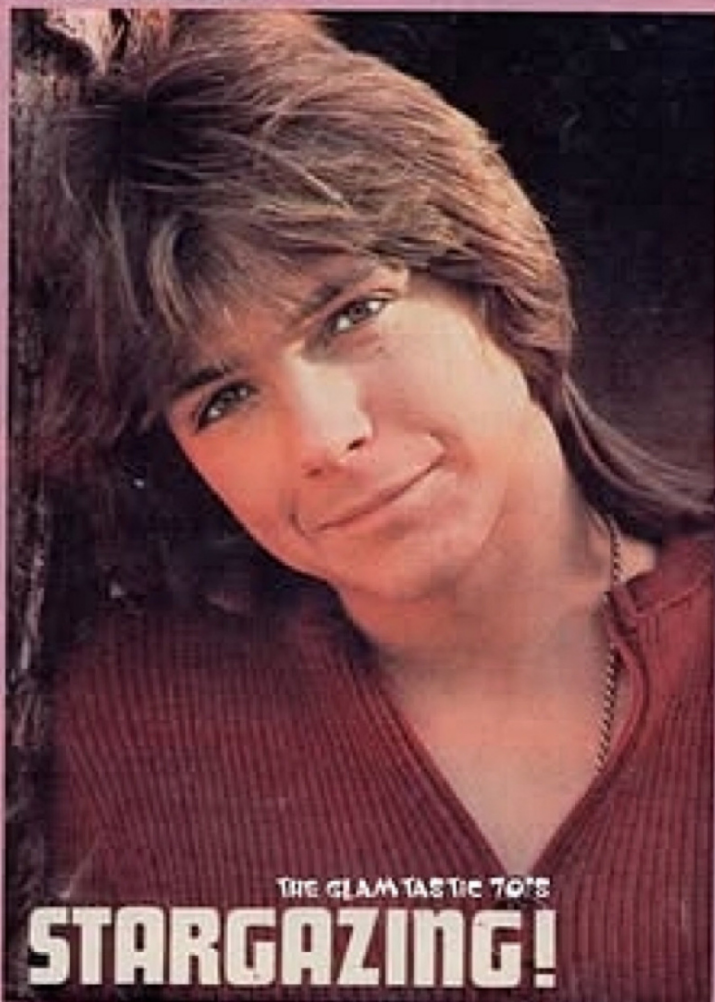


PART TWO OF OUR THREE-PART SPECIAL
ON DAVID CASSIDY



THE GLAM TASTIC 70'S

STARGAZING!

DAVID CASSIDY lives the life of a star, a state of affairs he is quite aware of himself. In London he stayed on the yacht, Ocean Sabre, 120 feet of floating luxury and was whisked from appointment to appointment in a large black limousine.

When it was put to him that this sort of life must be extremely tiring, although appearing to the rest of us to be enormous fun, he agreed.

"Yeah, it does get tiring. I get lonely just like anyone else does. It's difficult to pinpoint it, you know what I mean? I have moods just like anyone else. Sometimes if you're on the road for a long time it can really get you down and you say to yourself, 'Oh, I want to go out and do this or that,' and then you realize you can't. You just can't go out and do things.

"It's restricting that way, but if it weren't there to be quite honest you'd be wishing it were. I like it. I really do.

"That's what I love about Britain,

the fans here are really nice, they don't want to do you any harm, just talk and wave to you. When I first came to London I was flabbergasted by the welcome I got. The girls were just lovely, really lovely."

David is a great believer in the star system returning to pop. For so many years pop music was dominated by mumbling inarticulate musicians who seemed to despise the very audiences they appeared before. Stars like David, The Osmonds, Jackson Five and Marc Bolan have changed all that. They've brought a much-needed excitement back into music.

"I think it's wonderful now," David said. "Everything is very nostalgic. You know, they're putting out all these oldies, and rock n' roll is really happening all over again. That other heavy music stuff was so hypocritical. You know what used to happen? You'd get this musician saying he wasn't going to a gig unless he had a black Rolls Royce limousine,

and yet the same guy would go on stage and attack people who were into all this money thing. It was just hypocrisy.

"I think the star thing is definitely back in again. But really, you know, it's just a job to me. It's like being a dentist or a doctor, it's like being a bricklayer. This is what I happen to do for a living. But I'm glad it's happening for me now. I didn't like the sort of smutty image that music has had over the past few years."

David's music has already begun to progress and he won't go on acting in The Partridge Family for ever, so how does he see his future?

"I don't know. No seriously, I'm going to do a film, I hope to soon anyway. I was an actor originally, and studied for quite a while. I worked as an actor before I ever sang professionally, although I sang for fun, just with friends and staff.

"The thought of my European tour really excites me. In the past I've kept my concert tours to the States. I did two days in Canada, which was fantastic, but I think it's time for me to go out and appear in lots of other countries."

The thing you notice when you meet David is that he's almost permanently, genuinely, tired. This is the result of a punishing eighteen-hour day when he's filming The Partridge Family and recording at night. Then in his time off from the show he goes out and tours around America giving concerts. And of course, a visit to Britain is just as exhausting with everyone wanting to interview him. There's very little time off because this, he reckons, is the busiest period of his career.

He admits: "I've no complaints but I really am tired. I think I'll maybe slow up a little and do just specific dates instead of setting off on a vast one-night tour. In America the distances you cover are enormous. I just go out and out and out—I get the feeling that I've been in areas three or four times in different States. It's just too much. It really is. I really would like to go to places where I haven't been rather than going back to places I have. That's why I'm really looking forward to being in Britain in March. That really will be wonderful."

The trouble with all this work is that David is never in one place long enough to have a steady girl friend. In fact has he got any girl friends at all?

"Yes, I've got a couple. Nothing really serious. It's difficult because I just don't have a lot of time, and I just don't have the hours in a day to put into a relationship, so I'm a little stifled."

But he is aware that some time in the not too distant future he's going to have a lot more time to himself. With this in view, he's been in Hawaii looking into the prospect of



David is we don't often see him in this country, with "The Partridge Family"

buying land there.

"I've been looking at different pieces of property, and while I was there I went riding and water skiing. It was fantastic.

"I love riding and I'm planning to breed horses. Obviously Hawaii would be a wonderful place to live when I get some time off, because the climate is so good there and I could breed horses and swim and all that — although Sam Hyman and myself are already planning to breed horses on our smallholding in Los Angeles.

"But what would be really nice about having a lot of time off all at once would be that I could do what I want to do, not what other people wanted me to do. I wouldn't have to worry about checking in somewhere at such and such a time, and I wouldn't have to bother about smiling or being here or there when I was meant to be. That would really be nice.

"I think that's the thing I look forward to most of all, just relaxing away from it all."



On board Ocean Sabre, with Tower Bridge in the background.