



**DAVID CASSIDY**

**Teeny-Bopper Idol**

# Young Star Finds Show Limits Dates

**HOLLYWOOD**—When the Partridge Family began, it proved to be just another situation comedy.

But it did have was TV's first teeny-bopper idol—David Cassidy. And that proved to be enough.

Cassidy has become a major star out of the lightweight show. He is the darling of most young girls between 13 and 18. And it's getting to be something of a drag.

"The adulation is a drag," Cassidy says.

But it's something that perhaps comes naturally. His father, Jack Cassidy, went through some of the same, although not at such a fever pitch, during several points in his career.

## **DATING RESTRICTED**

"I can't do much dating," says David, sadly, and he's a young man who likes his dating. "The girls I meet are either of two kinds—they're either too aggressive or, to compensate, they're too much the other way.

"The only dates I have are with a couple of old friends, but I don't even have much time for that."

He says because of being such a hero to the sweatshirt set, his whole private life is cramped.

"I haven't been able to see a movie in a year," he says, "and I have a terrible craving to see one."

For a while, he tried using a disguise so he could go out in public without being mobbed. He had a fake beard and dark glasses and it seemed to work.

"But," he says, "after being in make-up all day, it's just too much trouble to put it on."

## **TOUR EUROPE**

With the show finished shooting for the season, he's got a need to get off somewhere he can be himself, by himself. So he's going to Europe, only this isn't one of those first-class tours.

"I'm just going to bum around," he says. "I'll rent a camper in Rome and just take off. I figure the Europeans won't recognize me—the show is seen in some European countries, but I'll go to the others."

"I didn't see my father too much," he says. "He was in California, I was in New Jersey. I missed him."