



David . . . a quiet game of croquet away from the fans

# Superstar David turns artful dodger

**YOUNG** Mr. Cassidy, latest heart-throb of the singing scene, got away from it all for a while yesterday.

Away from the madding crowd of girls who idolise him . . . to a gentle game of croquet in an English country garden.

But it took a hush-hush smuggling operation to give 22-year-old David J's little bit of freedom.

The American idol was spirited from his base — currently a 120-ton luxury yacht moored on the Thames — by helicopter and flown to a country estate at Stanmore, Middlesex, to film for a "Top of the Pops" show.

The cloak-and-dagger operation was a safety

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measure to protect him from the hundreds of girl fans lining Tower Pier—screaming for a glimpse of their pin-up on his second day in London.

David, who rocketed to fame in the "Partridge Family" TV series, talked yesterday of some of the problems of being a super-

star. He couldn't stay at a hotel in London — because that would have been too easy for the fans to invade.

Hence the luxury yacht as a retreat—hired at £2,500 for a six-day stay.

Said David: "I can't go to the cinema any more. I get followed home.

"In the last two months I have had to change my phone number eight times.

"And I've had to have the girls moved away from my house back in Los Angeles.