

# DAVID CASSIDY: TIRED OF SHOW BUSINESS?



HERE'S DAVID as he looked for his very first concert in the Spring of 1971. He sang all the Partridge songs he'd made hits, and had to drink honey and tea for his throat!

DAVID AT one of his last concerts in Europe! This time David sang mostly his own songs or selections from other artists' albums. He still drank honey and tea between performances, but mostly because he likes it! His voice has gotten stronger through the years!

David Cassidy has retired. That's what he's announced recently. What happened to him that made him change his mind about show business?

David said once in an interview during the first year of "The Partridge Family": "So many new doors are being opened to me and I'm really excited about it!" Just a month ago, he said: "I never wanted to be a pop star. It just happened. I'm getting out while I'm still in one piece and I have my sanity!"

After David's very first concert in 1971, he said about his fans: "They're beautiful! This is the greatest night of my life!" And, last month he said: "I'd like to develop into a fairly decent actor and have people regard me as one, rather than as some sort of freak attraction who inspires little girls to squeal and shriek!"

What made David's mind change so drastically over the past five years? In 1970 he loved being a teen-age idol, today he closes his eyes and wishes it never happened. Perhaps, for David, being admired by people his own age was always more important than having success with "young" fans. And, even after the first year of the "Partridge Family" he was looking for other kinds



of songs to sing!

Maybe David's right when he says, "I never wanted to be a pop star!" It really did just happen to him. All the years of living in hiding, running from hundreds of girls, having no privacy and no real free time of his own, were too much for him. And, he never really did gain the approval of the grown-ups that he wanted so badly.

David may say he's retiring, but perhaps his career as such has gone as far as it can, without some real training behind it. Maybe David himself has finally realized this, and



perhaps that's one of the reasons for his retirement. He wants to study acting and make a comeback—and knowing David we think he will, don't you? Why not write to Tiger Beat and let us know how you feel about it!

