

# Counterfeiters plague Cassidy concert promoters in Britain

LONDON — Scotland Yard, not exactly England's most trendy institution, is showing an interest in rock music — because an overwhelming number of ticket counterfeiters are showing an interest in David Cassidy.

Cassidy, who's as big a hit abroad as he is here — only scarcer, is set to do his first European concerts in February and March. Promoters of the six concerts Cassidy will do in Manchester, and Wembley, England prepared well in advance for the deluge of ticket orders. Only the counterfeiters were barely a step behind.

Bogus tickets have been passed off by the thousands on unsuspecting teenagers from all over Great Britain and even across the channel (Cassidy will not make a stop in France this time, but will make appearances in Germany, Holland, Sweden and Denmark), who have made the trip to Manchester where tickets are direct-

ly available for the March 13 & 14 concerts at Bellevue. Promoters on the continent and in Scandinavia are fearful that the same situation will arise in their areas.

DESPITE THE FACT that tickets to the four concerts set for March 17 & 18 at Wembley are available only through mail application, kids who can't resist a bargain, or who want to avoid the long trip to Manchester to buy tickets at the box office, are falling prey to both ticket counterfeiters and to non-legit touts who are handling the distribution of bogus tickets. The greatest demand has been for the highest-priced seats.