

# Just a singer

Auckland (PA). — Teenybopper idol David Cassidy, protected by strict security measures, received a low-key welcome when he arrived at Auckland International Airport today.

Cassidy, whose travels have caused chaos at airports around the world, was met by only 200 of his Auckland admirers.

The crowd was swelled to about 500 by mums and dads, press-ganged into an early-morning airport visit, and passengers and friends waiting for other flights.

The security which surrounded his arrival had been planned to cope with a much bigger crowd of screaming fans.

He was cleared through Customs on the Air New Zealand DC-10 and boarded a waiting bus.

The bus drove slowly past the fans, who broke ranks and chased it out of the airport. Two young girls who clambered on the back of the bus as it passed were ordered off by a following police car.

Two eggs smashed on the side of the bus as it moved away from the terminal area.

Cassidy left the bus at a Mangere hotel and continued his journey into town in a black car.

A spokesman for Harry M. Miller, who is presenting Tuesday evening's Cassidy concert at Eden Park, said the security arrangements had been made to deal with a larger crowd.

"We expected the sort of welcome he has received at other airports," he said.

A Customs Department spokesman said it was normal procedure for an international star to be cleared on board the plane, if a large crowd was expected.



DAVID CASSIDY . . . eggs thrown at his bus.