

Cassidy Not Upset At Welcome

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Pop idol David Cassidy is not disappointed by the subdued welcome he has received since his arrival in Auckland.

"I haven't been to this part of the world before; this is my chance to break into New Zealand," Cassidy said at a press conference yesterday.

"New Zealand is not London; there aren't millions of people here so it doesn't worry me."

Cassidy's arrival at the press conference was delayed for 15 minutes while he took a phone call from Sydney.

The security guard had no problems coping with the 10 invited fans.

Cassidy chatted freely, occasionally joking with reporters and adroitly side-stepping some personal questions.

His face was still swollen because of a reaction to a cholera inoculation.

Promoter Harry Miller admitted that he was slightly disappointed by the reception Cassidy had received since arriving. He did not agree that the recent television documentary showing Cassidy being mobbed by thousands of hysterical fans had anything to do with people staying away.

"The crowd was about the size you could expect in New Zealand," he said.