

scene By Walt Kaitz stealers

DAVID CASSIDY, prince of the bubblegum brigade, always seems to be looking for new heights to scale.

He started his climb on Broadway in "The Fig Leaves Are Falling," continued his climb on TV's Partridge Family series, reached the top in the disc business with 7 gold LPs, and now is one of the highest priced entertainers on the concert scene.

FINALLY, the 24-year-old star wants to conquer the movie world. He's presently mulling through scripts in an attempt to find the right role to blend with the Cassidy image.

Just what is the Cassidy image? In an attempt two years ago to broaden his appeal to other than the teeny-bopper market, he hired producer Rick Jarrard to produce his recording sessions, resulting in some good rock-oriented singles, such as "Rock Me, Baby," "I'm a Clown," "Two-Time Loser" and "Day Dreamer."

His promotional campaign included a now-controversial interview with Rolling Stone scribe Robin Green, who quoted the singer as having once ripped-off other kids' bikes and using drugs. Cassidy, in an interview with this reporter last year, denied he'd said this.

But he couldn't deny posing for the nude photo that accompanied the story. Parents everywhere protested their youngsters' idol being paraded in the nude and confessin' to being a bicycle thief and hash hound.

"BEING a teen idol gets to be a bit trying every now and then," he said, wearily, "but it's nice too."

Movie-making should present no real problem to the boyish-looking star. He has already scored in dramatic roles on such TV shows as "Mod Squad," "Marcus Welby," "Ironside" and "Adam-12." He is



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the son of stage-and-screen star Jack Cassidy. His step-mom is Oscar-winning actress Shirley Jones, who co-starred with young Cassidy on The Partridge Family.

In the meantime, fans in Europe can see and hear the artist at the Congress Centrum, Hamburg, Sunday; two shows, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Jahrhunderthalle, Frankfurt, Monday; Olympia Halle, Munich, Tuesday; Clyde Stadium, Glasgow, May 24; and White City, London, May 26.