

Singer lands in a scuffle

POP idol David Cassidy arrived in Melbourne yesterday with the news his fans had been waiting to hear — he's still available but handle with care.

Because although he does not have a "steady" girlfriend he is worried about fans "rushing" him.

"It's dangerous from the fans' point of view and so unnecessary," Cassidy, 24, said when he arrived at Tullamarine yesterday.

Before his plane landed, Cassidy was told there was a "handful" of fans to greet him.

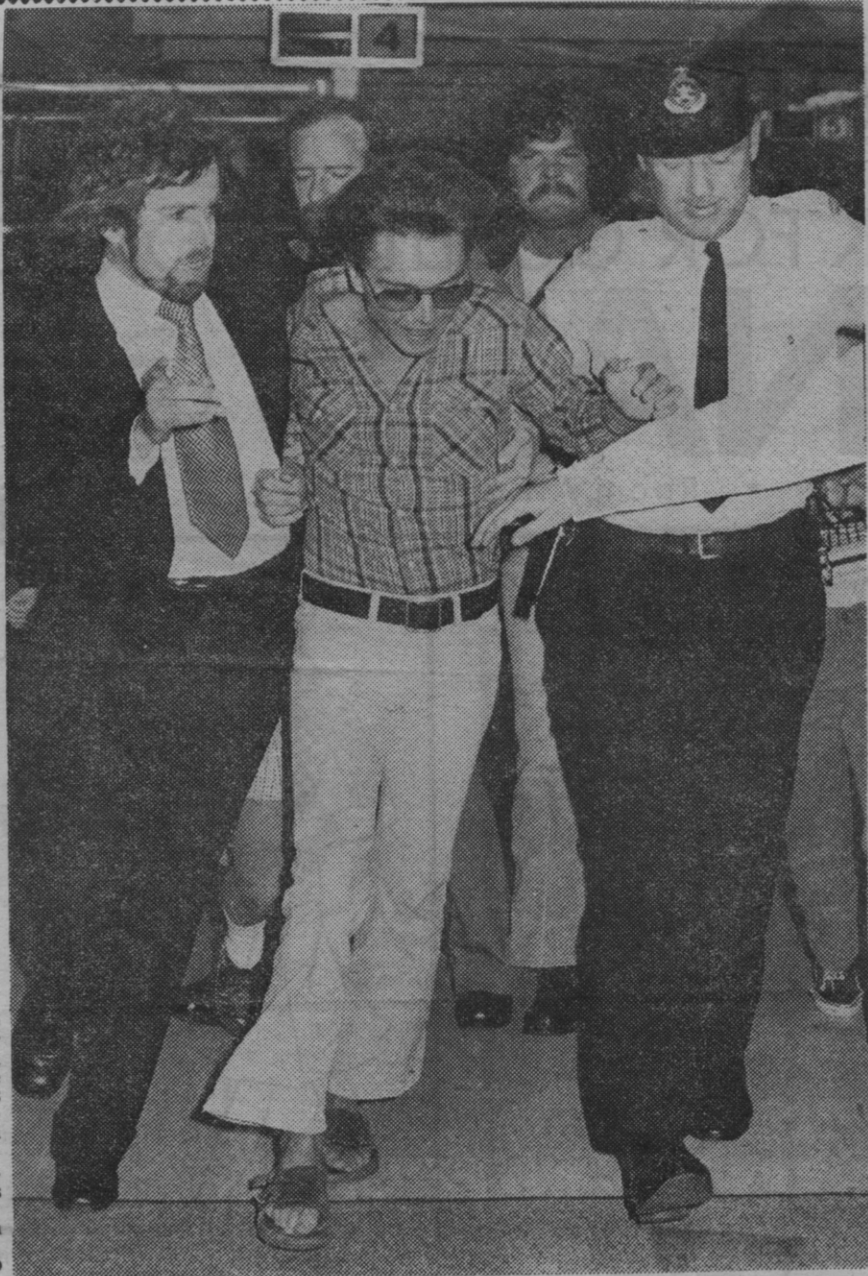
But during the scuffle that followed his arrival from Sydney, Cassidy's blue-checked shirt was ripped, his hair pulled and neck scratched, and a toenail broken.

He is here for the TV Week "King of Pops" award tonight.

The singer-actor who became a teeny-bopper idol while appearing in the TV series "The Partridge Family", has changed — his shoulder-length hair has been cut.

● In Sydney yesterday young pop fans greeted another singer — Gary Glitter, from Britain.

Glitter, 30, will also be in Melbourne for the "King of Pop" awards tonight.



● DAVID CASSIDY is escorted from Tullamarine by federal police and security men yesterday.