



Jan Freeman,
David's lovely double

JAN FREEMAN REMEMBERS

AFTER THREE YEARS, JAN FREEMAN HAS A FEW MEMORIES . . .

In the past, newcomers to the Partridge Family set have been stunned to see David Cassidy approaching them from both sides at once! No . . . He *wasn't* playing a joke with trick mirrors!

Those of you who have seen photos of David with his stand-in, Jan Freeman, will be able to imagine the confusion that her uncanny likeness to David has sometimes caused!

DIFFERENCE

After all, it's one thing to be able to detect the difference between them in a close up shot, like the ones we've printed in the past . . . It's something entirely different if you come across Jan when you're looking for David, and she happens to be dressed identically!

"Yes," she laughed, when I talked to her recently. "I remember lots of times when folks have called out 'Hi, David!' to me from another stage . . . Usually, I just used to give a wave and a smile back, and I guess they never found out the difference — unless they bumped into the *real* David around the next corner!"

Strangely enough, Jan has

never had too much trouble when she's been out in L.A. I had imagined that she would be constantly waylaid by fans wanting autographs; but apparently it's not that way at all . . .

"You see, I *can* look very like David indeed," she explained, "but I don't have to. Say, there are times when I'll wear my hair in a band or put it in braids — and that's something I guess you'll never see David do! And, of course, the clothes I wear off the set are often entirely different to the sort of gear David wears, so there's no identity problem. I guess it's just that, on set, there were always a lot of people on the look-out for David and *expecting* to see him. So they were good and ready to jump to the conclusion that they'd spotted him the minute I came in sight. We've had some good laughs over some of the mix-ups, David and I."

OBVIOUS

In fact, it's obvious that Jan loved every minute working with David — well . . . who wouldn't? Her time with the Partridge

Family show has left her with hundreds of wonderful memories, and her face lit up with pleasure as she told me about some of them.

As I sat talking to her, it seemed hard to believe that she had chosen to leave it all — and, more particularly, to leave David!

MISSED

But it's true. When the Partridge team went into production earlier this month, Jan was missing among all the familiar faces. David certainly reckons to miss her a lot this season: "We'd gotten to be good friends during the time we'd worked together," he told me. "So, more than anything, I'll miss rapping with her over lunch or between takes. But it's not just me . . . Everybody'll miss having Jan around the place."

Wow! Fancy having David say that about you! I reckon it's almost worth leaving to hear that!

Even so, I found it hard to credit that any girl could quit a job that involved spending her entire working time within sight of David . . . Well, would you?

"Oh, sure, it took me an