



What now? cont.

career as a singer, David has never lost the urge to act. So, in the future, we can expect to see even more of the real Cassidy, both on television and the cinema screen.

4) Sometime, within the next year or so, David will be writing a book, with his close friend and photographer, Henry Diltz. *This* is something that you should keep your eyes peeled for.

It just may be the most entertaining, fascinating and clearest insight into David's thoughts and life that has ever appeared.

"Henry," as David told me, "is an absolute lunatic, and a collector and recorder of everything. He writes down everything, and keeps a notebook of all that goes on while we're on tour."

PHOTOS

And that is something that no one else will be able to match. Complete with photographs that have never appeared anywhere else before, the book is something that all of David's fans can look forward to.

I know that much of this feature has been repeated before. But I really thought that it was essential that you understand, after all the half-truths we've all heard over the past two months, exactly what David *is*, and is *not* doing in the next year. I just hope that this has answered some of the questions that have worried you recently.

As he said recently, "I'm going to leave the Bell label because we just can't come to an agreement about what I am going to record."

This is a very big step indeed. Over the past few years, as you know, David has become more and more anxious to do his own thing.

The first step was breaking with the Partridge Family. As he said recently, "I felt I had to split, I mean, Keith Partridge just wasn't me any more."

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Despite all the friends and fond memories, David *had* to go. It would have been dishonest to go on doing something that he didn't feel was right.

And that's why he's leaving Bell, because it would be dishonest to record songs that weren't what he wanted to do. And like the break with the Partridge Family, it's going to hurt David to say good-bye to people that he's had so many good times with in the past.

But, unfortunately, it had to come.

2) David has temporarily, but *definitely* given up touring. He has never, ever wavered from this statement from the first time it appeared in *The Sun*. But all too many people have been confused, disappointed, and upset by this short, simple sentence.

QUITTING???

When I saw David, on the very first day he arrived in Britain, I asked him this question: "David, you've told us that you're quitting. Does this

mean that you will *never* appear on stage again in Britain?"

David replied immediately, and almost as though he was surprised at such a question, "No, of course not. If I can get the right band behind me, and get a stage act together in a year or so, I'll be back."

Taken just on face value, that could be considered a vague, perhaps uncertain statement. And for most people it is. But honestly, once David can make use of the freedom that he has been seeking for so long, do you honestly think that it will take him very long to get the right band together?

Yes, he is tired. Who wouldn't be, after touring steadily, in between filming and recording, for three very tough years?

Yes, David does have a long list of things that he wants to do. But at long last, he also has the time to do them!

Above all, we must be patient in the next few months—patient, because we must wait and see what goes on inside the first, free, and finest Cassidy camp ever.

For certain, the next time we see David, it will be like seeing a relative, who, although we know him very well, from letters and pictures, will have changed a bit. And there's only one word for that: **EXCITING!!**

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