

David's

personal letter to you

Hello there!

I'm still glad to tell you that all I'm doing at the moment is lying back and enjoying a long vacation. But something has occurred to me, and it's this: I wonder if you have even a rough idea about what I consider a vacation!

I know some folks think that a holiday means running off somewhere and seeing seven countries in fourteen days. Well, in case you hadn't guessed, I'm sure not one of those!

No, I don't believe in chasing around the globe—I've done too much of that while I've been working. But maybe I can give you an idea of what I do do when I'm relaxing.

1) First rule in the Cassidy book for vacationing singers, musicians and actors: sleep until you wake up!

That may sound peculiar to you, but if you've ever just touched your head to the pillow and all of a sudden you hear the telephone ringing with the announcement that you're to be on the set in an hour, and your clock only says 6.00 am, then you'll see what I mean.

I expect that you know what I mean any way. I bet when you're not expected anywhere in the morning, you probably love to wake up, look at the clock or the sun streaming through the windows of your room, and then turn over for another half an hour.

Well, that's number one in my book of holiday "Plusses".

2) Fresh air. That's a must for me. It probably doesn't mean as much to you, 'cos on the whole, even in the big industrial cities in Europe, the air is a whole lot cleaner than it is in L.A.

So one of the things that I've wanted to do is to get out away from it all, either up in the mountains, on the beach or out in the desert.

It's really beautiful in California, there's so much variety in the physical landscape. And I guess that, in a way, I'm just beginning to appreciate how beautiful Mother Nature is.

Of course, I've always known it in theory. But just in the last few months, say since I began my tour in New Zealand and Australia last spring, it just suddenly dawned on me what a fantastic world we've got.

So now, with a bit more time and freedom, I've decided to make some use of my holiday to get to see a bit more of the open spaces.

3) Friends. Sometimes when you're working frantically, trying to whip a stage act into shape or to get an album recorded, or to finish a T.V. show in time for the next season, you can lose touch with old friends.

FRIENDSHIPS

So one of the things that I'm trying to do is to see some of the people that I have missed recently. Of course, I found a pretty good solution to this problem last spring. If you've got to go away on tour, take your friends with you!

That's why I wanted to drag Henry and Gloria and Trish and the others along with me. I knew that we would all have a good time, and I also wanted to make sure that I had someone to talk to!

But seriously, it's impossible to give your friendships the care that they deserve if you're working all the time. So now, I spend a whole lot of my time just hanging around with friends who know me and like to have a good time.

4) Hawaii!!

Boy, I can't tell you how much I'm looking anxious to see the islands again. Somehow, the

