

corners. They are just wasted space."

So the best way to use space is to have buildings with more sides than just the normal four. That way, even though there are more corners, they are more rounded, and so the space can be used.

This was one of David's main ideas—to make the best possible use of space.

And the results of this are pretty magnificent to behold—so I'm told by a party who is, well, a bit less than disinterested!

"I'm really happy with the way things have gone. You see, we finally decided on having a complex of smaller buildings instead of just one large building.

"That way, if someone wanted to crash out and have a sleep, the others wouldn't disturb him. And after that idea, the whole thing sort of snowballed, so that I've got a bunch of buildings, each with its own purpose."

The collection of buildings, arranged with a more or less common central area, include David's own residence, a guest house for anyone who's visiting him, a stable for the horses that he hopes to eventually breed in Hawaii (as well as his "herd" in L.A.), and a general sort of recreation area for the use of everyone.

"Another important part of my plan," David told me, "is to insure that everyone has as much freedom as possible, without making them feel unwelcome.

"I know that sounds kinda funny, but what I mean is that, I hate it when someone who visits me feels that they have to enjoy themselves the same

way I do, or keep to any schedule.

"This way, people can pretty much come and go and do as they please, and yet we're all close enough together to make a decision to do some things in common."

That sounded like a pretty good plan to me, but I wondered if David would have time for his music. After all, the last thing that any of us, including David, wants is for him to give up making music.

"In time," he told me, "I want to get up a small studio of my own here, so that I can put any musical ideas that I have on tape. I guess I could even record here, although that seems a bit far fetched at the moment.

"All I really want to do is make sure that I don't lose any ideas that I come up with on holiday. And this seems the best way to make sure of that."

MUSIC ROOM

Coupled with David's music room, located in his own "dome", as his buildings are called, David has a pretty formidable groundwork for a musician.

His music room is pretty much like the one in his L.A. home—a loose but good collection of acoustic and electric guitars, a tape recorder, a couple of small amplifiers, and a lot of room to work in.

But I've nearly left out one of the most important and novel aspects of David's dream come true.

As you know, the one thing that David wants to do above all is to avoid waste. As he told me, "I've seen so much waste and pollution that I really

wanted to, well, conserve as much energy as possible. 'Cos if we don't start doing something pretty quick, there won't be anything to conserve!"

That is one of the most successful parts of the complex in Hawaii. You see, David has managed to make it just about capable of supplying all its energy needs.

"It's pretty simple, really", David told me (although I don't think I understand it so well!).

"Basically, all it involves is storing the energy that the sun gives off in heat.

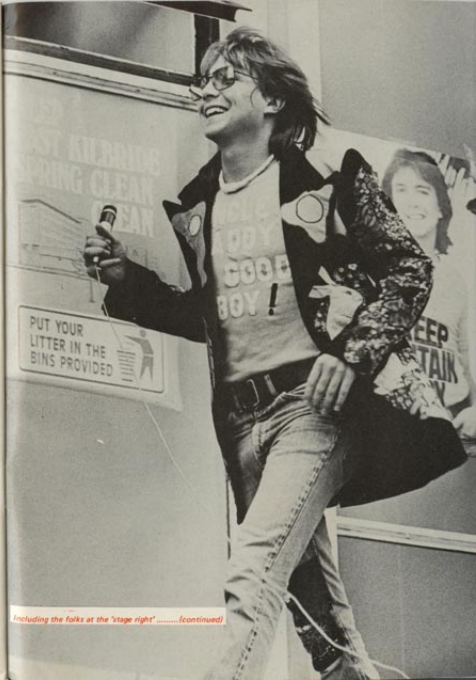
"The unit that converts the solar energy to electrical energy is pretty complicated, but the end result is that the energy is stored in giant batteries.

"This is the ideal sort of thing for Hawaii, 'cos you get an enormous amount of sunshine every day, but I guess maybe it wouldn't be too practical in Britain!"

Well, that was about the understatement of the year! But even so, it can't be sunny all the time in Hawaii—what happens when the rainy season hits? "I leave!" David told me with a laugh. "Seriously, though, I've got standard electrical power resources too. I just want to help conserve as much power as possible."

And there you have it—the complete Cassidy dream come true. David finally has what he's waited for so long.

But I wouldn't bet on him sitting still on it for long. There's bound to be more good ideas and plans inside that head. Let's just hope that they all come out as successfully as his hilltop home in Hawaii!



Including the folks at the 'stage right' (continued)