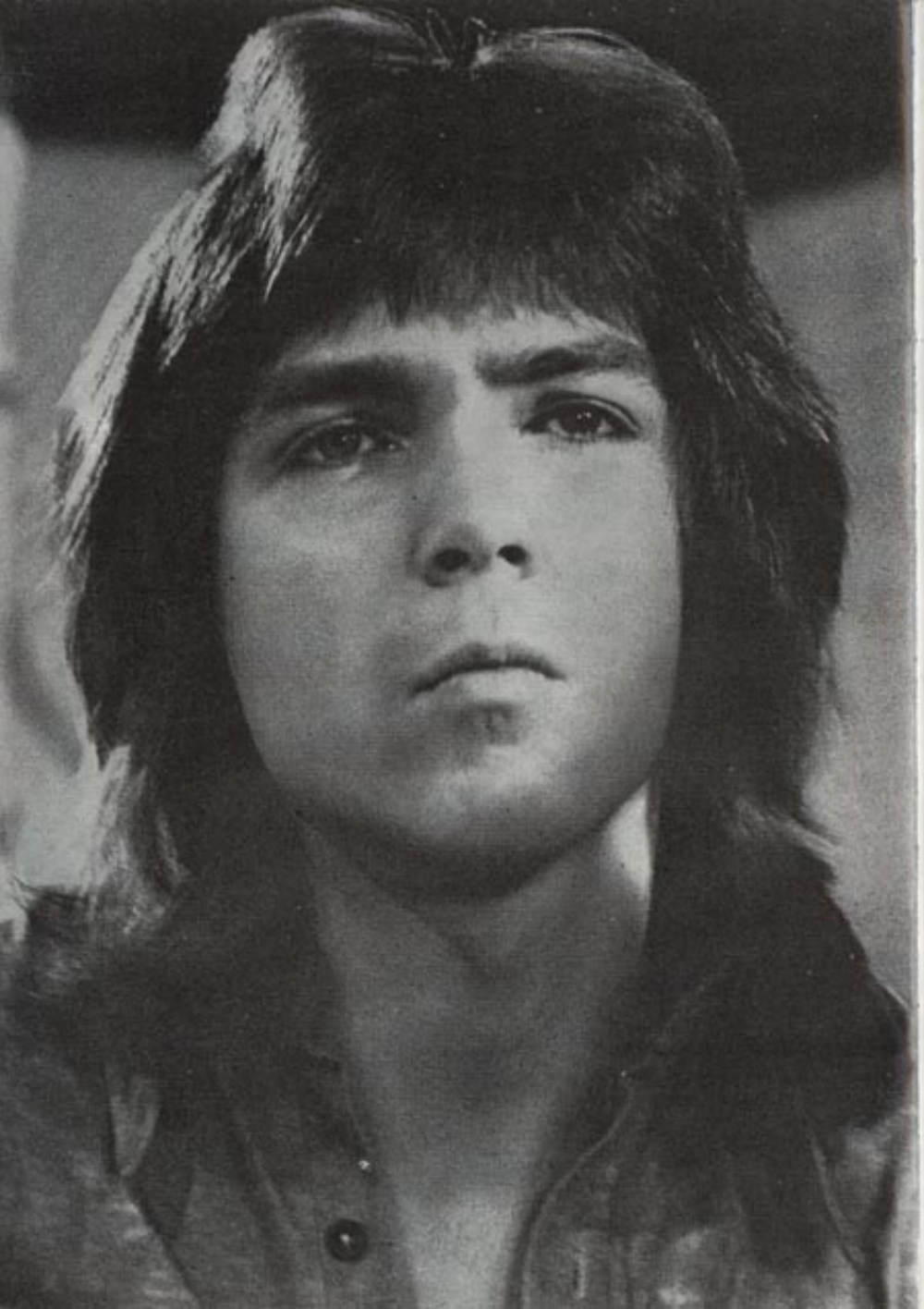

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DAVID GETTING MA

DAVID RETIRING

DOES it make you mad when you read some of the crazy things that are said about David and the words that are all too often put into his mouth?

Some of these articles have brought doubt, fear, havoc and heartache into the lives of thousands of fans in this country. How can they know what to believe when they read these reports in papers and magazines.

Clearly, it's not always enough to be certain of something inside yourself, when you read things which seem to be saying something else . . . So – somehow all of David's devoted fans want to know how to find out the truth.

I have read every one of the thousands of letters which poured in to Superstar . . . some furious with the writers of these articles, some unhappy, some signing themselves 'desperate' – some even doubting David! But all pleading to know the TRUTH! As one fan put it, 'Either the paper exaggerated or David has lied to us before.'

Well, I ask you, which do you think is most likely? I know who I'd choose to believe before I even started to look into the facts of the matter!

You must have heard the saying 'Don't believe everything you read' a hundred times. And I'm not trying to suggest, by bringing this up, that reporters sit down and purposely invent a whole load of lies about someone out of spite. Of course they don't! They're not stupid guys, by any means, and that kind of behaviour would lay them wide open to the libel laws, for a start.

But, on the other hand, it's their job to get a 'story', and, if the real facts turn out to be unsensational – well, they're going to be very tempted to add a bit of spice just to make good and sure that their story really gets noticed.

Hesitant

A favourite device is quoting something a star really did say, but presenting it to the public out of its original context, so that it implies a great deal more – and sometimes totally different – things.

This is one of the things that really bugs big stars and makes them very hesitant to talk to reporters who they suspect might play this trick on them.

I remember Ben Murphy complaining about this very thing happening to him a year or so ago in the States, and he admitted that, for many months afterwards, he was 'real leery about saying anything at all to the press.'

You see, if the quotation is, as far as it goes, a genuine one, the guy can't deny straight out that he ever said it. Because he did. It's just that, when those words passed through his lips, they didn't carry the same meaning and implication that they've been given in publication.

Real Facts

Sadly, it's the published version that his fans are going to know about and, because they weren't there at the time when it all happened, they won't have any grounds for disbelieving the report.

This is why David is so glad to have a magazine of his own in Britain, which he knows his fans over here will be reading. You see, that means there's at least one place where they will get the truth and see the real facts exactly as he himself sees them!

Mind you, David hasn't come across many reporters who he would accuse of definitely misrepresenting him – although some of them do tend to focus entirely on one side of his character or career and so present a rather lopsided view of David Cassidy to their readers!

He likes the sort of interview which is more like a chat where *he* feels free to introduce a subject of conversation as well as just sitting there like a human answering machine, churning