

A TRUE FAN WOULD NEVER DO IT!!

DAVID'S got problems again!

In fact, he's had them non-stop throughout the last three years or so, since he's been the number one teenage superstar in the States.

And the result is that he's beginning to feel like a particularly miserable nomad! Well, at least a nomad keeps on the move because that's the way he wants it. While what David wants most of all is to be able to really settle down in a home of his own where he can always be sure of finding peace and quiet and relaxation.

He's the sort of guy who puts down roots—or, rather, he would if he could! But some people seem to be determined never to give him the chance, and to bar him from the happiness he knows he could find in a peaceful, relaxed home-life after all the strains and pressures of his work and public life.

Smile

David expects and hopes that his fans will want to talk to him and to get his autograph. After all, that's an important part of being what he is! And most times David enjoys this side of life as much as he enjoys the acting and singing that have brought him his stardom. He wants to talk to his fans just as much (no, maybe not quite as much!) as they want to talk to him.

But he does reckon that there is a time and a place for everything. He's always ready with a friendly smile and 'hello' for the girls who wait patiently outside Columbia Ranch—just for a glimpse of him. He's very happy that they think enough of him to want to be there, but he does say sometimes that he thinks they should also spend the time doing something to find happiness within themselves. Sometimes he feels very guilty that he is the cause of them sitting

around there in the open all day... just waiting.

So, he'd never just pass them by without a word—unless he was really in a frantic hurry. The same goes for fans who come up to him in the street or in a restaurant. They may hold him up and take his mind off whatever he was thinking about before they came on the scene, but he's glad that they want a word with him. And he never complains about any inconvenience it causes him... unless they start getting stupid and violent—in which case he just runs for it!

The way David looks at it, all this is one thing... the sort of thing any big star takes in his stride. But there are also lots of times when he wants to get away from everything.

And one person—who couldn't be called a fan—has actually started to break into his home and steal things.

The first David knew about it was when he started missing odd things here and there... Maybe a shirt, or an ashtray, or a record. It was never anything of great value, so it didn't occur to him to suspect theft. He just started to think the strain must be telling on him, because he reckoned he was forgetting where he was putting things all the time!

Mystery

Then, one day, a young girl was actually caught climbing back out of the window, and the answer to all those other 'mystery' disappearances had been found!

He doesn't like to describe the new teenage hobby as 'stealing' (although, technically, this is what it boils down to). You see, he knows that the girls aren't taking these objects for their inherent value. They just want to have something that has belonged to David.

But they forget that they are giving David sorrow and worry when they take this selfish atti-

tude. Some of the things which have been taken were given to David as presents, and so had a sentimental value for him. Now he never expects to see them again, and this makes him sad. If only his fans would remember that a star can get attached to the small things in life, just the same as anyone else can.

When he first moved into his new house in Encino, which wasn't all that long ago, he had hoped that he'd be able to keep it a secret for a while. He reckoned it would be worth moving simply for a few months' complete peace during the few hours of spare time he can snatch from a frenziedly busy working schedule.

But it seemed as though some people used tracker dogs or something to trace him... They'd sleuthed him down in no time, and the whole thing started all over again!

House

David had always wanted to have a house with plenty of land around it, so that he could go for a stroll whenever he felt like it among the flowers and trees. But it was getting so that he didn't have a minute to himself. So he finally decided to do something that he had put off for as long as possible. He had a big high fence put all around his property.

'It's the last thing I want to do', he said. 'But they're just not leaving me any choice! Yeah, sure, I like to trust people and have folks around me... but I think people should wait for an invite before they invade a guy's own home! After all, I don't get all that much privacy, and I think I'm entitled to sit back, be myself, and have some fun with my close friends... without the thought that I'm being overlooked!'

Well, now, that sounds fair enough, and I'm sure that the people who've been hounding David in this way haven't meant to upset him. They're simply so taken up with their own feelings, and they don't realise that by acting the way they did, they haven't been true fans at all.

