

DAVID OFF DUTY

"WHAT do I do in my what?" David exclaimed incredulously when I asked him the other day what he liked doing best in his spare time. You see, I reckoned that this was something that everybody who loved David would want to know about.

David was just worried that you'd maybe find it boring, because he'd gotten this idea into his head that it could only be interesting if he had about 20 exotic hobbies that he could churn on about for a couple of hours!

Hazel Eyes

Actually, it finally turned out that this wasn't so far from the truth as he imagined it would be! Once David gets on something that really grabs him, he can go on for hours and hours, and it's absolutely fascinating to listen to him. His whole face lights up—specially those sensational hazel eyes of his—and you can hear the excited ring in his voice.

He started off slightly hesitantly: "I'd just love to do all sorts of crazy things, if only I did have the time, but I guess everything like that has to stay very much in second place, as far as I'm concerned. . . . After all, I'm a terribly lucky guy, because I've got a job where I'm doing what I love most, and that's acting and making music. So I look at it this way: I've got no right to moan, even if I end up with only a half-hour or so of leisure in a week!" I pursued my point relentlessly, asking David how he'd be likely to spend that precious half-hour!

"Probably snatching a bit of extra sleep!" he laughed. One of his ideas of heaven is being able to sleep on till he's actually *ready* to wake up—instead of having to haul himself out of dreamland in response to an alarm call or a friendly shake from his friend, Sam. You see, David's normal schedule only leaves him about four or five hours for sleep each night.

"That's okay for a while."

David commented, "but, if I have to make do on that for long periods at a stretch, I can feel it starting to dry me out. I get kind of edgy and start snapping at folks for nothing at all. That's when I know I MUST get some extra sleep somehow, so I'll maybe miss out on an evening session and sleep through ten hours."

It has been known for David to sleep through 13 or 14 hours, when he's been really dead-beat—but he has to wait for a vacation to do that.

His vacations also give David the rare opportunity to enjoy some of his slightly more active hobbies! David loves outdoor sports—more or less any and every sport, in fact. You name it, David plays it—or, at least, it's pretty certain that he'll have tried it!

Football

As a kid, and right through high school, David was mad on football and baseball.

There's certainly no doubt about it, David's graceful body movements mark him out as a natural sportsman. What you might not expect to the same extent is the amount of stamina he's got, because that is something you wouldn't assume from his slight—even fragile-looking—frame.

Now, I've often watched David swim—sometimes in his own pool and sometimes in Shirley's, and every single time I see him in the water I'm impressed by his relaxed, yet at the same time powerful, movements. So I

