

the crowd they had seen for the Beatles! I thought it was just incredible, and to tell the truth, I was also rather scared.

In fact, the crowd was so large that although there were more floats after the fire truck, the Partridges just about ended the parade. It seemed as if everybody standing on the sidewalks suddenly began to run after the fire truck, and the street behind the truck was just filled with fans! It seems odd to say this, but I was very thankful, and I think David, Susan, and Danny were too, that the limousine had security locks and crack-proof windows. The Partridges had to run from the fire truck to the car, and once they were inside it looked as if the outside of the car was being seiged. People were banging on the car roof, sitting on the hood, and standing in front of the car so that the driver was afraid he would hurt someone if he started off too quickly. At last, only after Brendan, who was running alongside the car and then jumped onto the hood, (only to fall off) had gotten into the car, did we feel safe again.

RECEPTION CANCELLED

Our next stop was to have been a reception at one of the department stores in Cleveland, but once again word had gotten around that the Partridges were going to be there. The store was overrun with fans, and it was decided that it was too dangerous for the Partridges to appear. Instead, we all went back to the hotel and rested or tried to rest. I think we were all too tired to go to sleep, and everyone also seemed to be still shocked by the number of people who had "heard of" the Partridge Family.

Around five that afternoon, we had to go out to the Cleveland airport to take our flight to Los Angeles. This time there were no stopovers anywhere, and after four and a half hours of travel, we were back in California. Again, on the plane, the Partridges were recognized (even though some were asleep). In fact, one Partridge, namely Danny, slept so soundly that when he got home that night around eight Los Angeles time, he went out to a movie with his sister. Unfortunately, it took the rest of us a longer time to recover from our day in Cleveland . . . it just wasn't one of those ordinary trips you'd make any day!

And so while you stand on the sidewalk for a few hours and catch a glimpse of your favorite stars, just remember the next time how much time they have spent in coming to see you. A personal appearance for them means a lot of hard work and exhausting travel usually. But just the same, they are glad to come and see you if you really make them feel at home and I guess that is what it's all about!

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