

this was the Year of the

Certainly, no Tiger Beat Annual could be complete without a memory session with this year's favorite TV show. . . . "The Partridge Family." Because she's on the set practically every day, we asked Danny's sister, Cecelia Bonaduce, to review for you, as only she can, the secret events behind the Partridge's huge success.

You are the typical Partridge Fan—that's to say, you're devoted, enthusiastic, and very well informed about each and every Partridge. For instance, you know that David moved into a new house in Beverly Hills, Susan was a top New York fashion model before she became a Partridge, and that Danny no longer has a horse named Patience.

And like the typical Partridge fan you are, you'd like to know even more about them . . . especially what they saw, felt and thought during those first crucial days, before Shirley, Dave, David, Susan, Danny, Jeremy, and Suzanne became the adventurous, musical family that you see every Friday night on ABC.

A DIFFERENT GROUP

Did you ever stop to think that you might be watching a different group of Partridge kids? If it weren't for some big executive's decision, you wouldn't have the faintest idea who Danny Bonaduce, Jeremy Gelbwaks or Suzanne Crough were . . . and you'd only know Susan Dey as a fashion model!

Once upon a time, back in

August of '69, when the Partridge Family was just thirty-six pages of script, (then called "Family Business") TWO sets of "Keiths," "Dannys," "Chrises," "Lauries," and "Tracys" existed.

In other words, the big executives were having a hard time deciding between actors. Of course, we're all agreed that whoever made the decisions made the right ones, but just imagine if it had gone the other way!

You'd turn on the Partridge Family and "Keith" would be a tall, muscular boy with jet black hair, "Laurie" would be a cute little round-faced girl, "Danny" would be a dark haired Italian boy, "Tracy" would be a toddler, and the most shocking of all, "Chris" was almost scheduled to be a girl!

EVERYONE WORRIED

Don't think that auditioning for a running part in a series is fun



IT WAS A HAPPY TIME for all the day in 1970 when "The Partridge Family" began filming for the first time. Dave Madden, Shirley and David agree!

