Wherever David goes he is asked to sign autographs, chat with fans. It has been a grueling year—a good one though. He hoped to lose himself in Europe . . . just travel around in a camper.

carton of Coke can turn into an hour's autograph-signing stint, while everybody loses their cool—including the Cokes. The popularity that made these kids stars has stopped them both in their tracks, almost.

"I don't even know who I am anymore," David said sadly. Susan's reaction was even sadder. David, she pointed out, had family and friends here. But she's practically alone. "And totally frustrated!"

Her parents are in the East, and because Susan was under age when she came out to do the Partridge Family, her stand-in, Jane, became her legal guardian. (Her father is a newspaper editor in New York, and Susan had to be on her own in California.) Then Susan came of age and for a time Jane traveled leaving Susan to live alone. Fortunately, Jane returned. Life would be completely unbearable for Susan with Jane—she's her best friend, her confidante—and a good influence as well, though the two girls, both introspective, intelligent, intellectual types probably spend far too much of their time reading, studying—brooding about the quiet, too, probably. If all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, all studying (Continued on page 66)



