

If I promised to call my girl, if I had one," he said with a smile, "and I got tied up at an interview or meeting or recording session, would it really be fair to keep her waiting by a telephone? She'd be worried and upset and it wouldn't be fair. So, as much as I'd like to go steady with some of the girls whom I have met, I can't . . . at this time, anyway."

Since our chat, David's career zoomed and he was busier than ever before. Even, as far as we could learn, his dating was down to almost zero. He turned into a super-super-superstar! There just weren't enough hours in the day for all of the work connected with his career.

He had to hire secretaries to handle the tons of fan mail that was pouring in. His records were tops on the charts and his television show was a hit.

Why then should he be worried?

Fans are fickle. If they get wind of a new idol, they quickly forget the old one. And, David being a smart man knows that he can't be an idol forever.

Why then is he keeping his new phase of his career such a secret?

Well, David knows that his fans are, for the moment anyway, very loyal to him. They spend lots of money on his records, watch his television show, jam places where he is making his personal appearances and keep his fan clubs active. We feel that he is keeping all of his new type of career activities so secret because he doesn't want the fans to think he is leaving them. "My fans are the greatest," he told me. "Where would I be without them? I have my whole career to thank them for. If it weren't for all of the teenagers out there, I'd be nowhere today. I'd never do anything to hurt them . . . I only will do things to please them."

With words like that, all of the Cassidy fans know that they have nothing to worry about.

Someone in the Cassidy camp told me that David simply wants to grow up with his fans. He knows that they won't be teens forever . . . that they will be the people filling the night clubs in the near future. "He," the man explained, "just wants to be ready for them. He wants to work on his act and break it in now. Sure, he wants to work Las Vegas, he has to get used to an adult audience. But, it takes a performer years before his night club act is letter perfect . . . and David wants to get his act letter perfect.

"Don't think that he will be thrilled with his act as the weeks, months and years go. He will make many changes . . . he too," the man went on to tell me, "wants to grow with his act. He's not really keeping a secret from his fans . . . he just doesn't want them to think he is deserting them. He isn't! He is working for them . . . to give them the best per-

formances he can. He is planning for their entertainment and his future."

"What about 'The Partridge Family'?" I quizzed. "If he is a smash in night clubs, wouldn't there be a chance that he just might give up the show?"

I was told that David Cassidy is a man of his word. He said that he wouldn't leave his fans, and he won't. He will stay with the show as long as it stays on the air. He knows that his fans dig seeing him every week, and that he is making them very happy. He and his fans have a mutual admiration society going for

themselves . . . and it will stay that way.

So, David Cassidy fans, breathe easier . . . He and "The Partridge Family" are yours . . . for now . . . anyway! •

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ever paid a performer in summer stock.

"Between roles, I can't just go out and do things like I used to. I get mobbed. I feel like a prisoner at time," says Burt wistfully.

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