



TRUST ME!"

where we were doing some location filming for "The Partridge Family" who waited single file in line for thirty minutes for me to sign all their autographs.

• SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE

No, I don't imagine you've ever heard about any of these incidents. Instead you read that David Cassidy is whisked off in a limousine immediately after a concert and refuses to see his fans. What you don't know is that the reason I do this is to prevent someone in the audience from getting hurt.

I've seen too many people get hurt in an effort for a crowd to get close to an entertainer. Small children are often pushed to the ground and walked over. My concerts are aimed at leaving the audience with an up feeling, a surge of excitement that if not controlled can turn into hysteria. But I do try and see as many people as I can before a concert and during intermission.

I can only hope that from now on when you read these terrible things



about me you'll know that they're not true. As much as I hate passing by a newsstand where those blazing lies seem to scream out at me, I can take it if I know you believe in me!

The reason I became a performer is because I have a great love and respect for you and I want always to give you the best I can. But our relationship must be a two-way thing!

• BACK ON THE TRACK

Let's get back to normal. I want to hear from you. I want to see you. I want to read your letters and answer them. I want to see you at my concerts and backstage.

If you see me on the street, I want you to come over and say hello. If you want my autograph, I don't want you to be afraid to ask me for it. If there's something you want to tell me, I want you to go right ahead and say it!

But most of all, I want you to know how I feel about you. If I could, I'd put my arms around each and every one of you in a great big bear hug and say, "Thanks for everything. You're terrific!"