

ber, there just **weren't** any instruments at the concert hall when we all showed up for rehearsal! No one knew where they had gone—"they were delayed" is the standard reply—and we went through some pretty tense moments waiting for them to arrive! I mean, it's bad enough to **rehearse** without them, with everybody clapping his hands and singing as loud as he can, but it's something **else** when you realize that they might not even arrive in time for the **performance!**

STRANGE TOWN

In fact, that happened once, when we were still flying on regular airlines! Our instruments got sent into the wrong city altogether, and our poor road managers had to scurry around this completely strange town, trying to find a rock band whose instruments and amplifiers we could borrow! They made it back to the stage with about 15 minutes to spare—and we all had to learn how to use those strange instruments before the curtain went up! Strangely enough, it was a really great show!

Then there are the little problems, like weather and clothes. When we take off from Los Angeles International Airport in the middle of, say, February, we're going to be in about five different kinds of climate in a week! That means one or two things—either you pack every kind of clothing in the world, or you suffer with clothes that are always just a little too hot—or a little too cold! Since we don't have much room for baggage, what with the instruments, "amps," costumes, and ev-



RUSHING TO begin another concert!

everything, we usually suffer! There's an endless swapping of coats and sweaters all the way across and back again! And sometimes, depending on who we've swapped with, we get off the plane looking pretty freaky!

GYPSIES!

As David once said, "It looks like we all got dressed in the dark, and we couldn't tell whose clothes were whose!" Naturally, there were about a hundred newspaper photographers snapping pictures of this ragtag group of gypsies!

Even **food** can get to be a problem—especially when you've got a lot of people along (like David and a few others) who stop eating meat for weeks on end! Food on a tour usually means grabbing a hamburger on the run or eating one of those little gray plastic steaks they give you on airplanes—and that doesn't exactly **thrill** the vegetarians among us!

SECRET KITCHEN

Also, you can get **tired** of hamburgers! We've finally started carrying hotplates with us, and about once per tour we'll all sneak our hotplates into a single hotel room and set up a very **secret** kitchen—just so we can have a home-cooked meal! It looks pretty funny, with people running in and out with food hidden underneath their clothes, and old shirts stuffed under the door so the smell of food won't tip off the hotel staff!

We could go on and on about the problems of being on tour, and probably tell you a few funny stories, too! So if you liked hearing about the **weird** side of touring, let us know and we'll lay some more on you!

DOES DAVID GET REALLY UPSET WHEN THINGS GO WRONG ON THE ROAD?

**Cindy Mayfield
Detroit, Mich.**

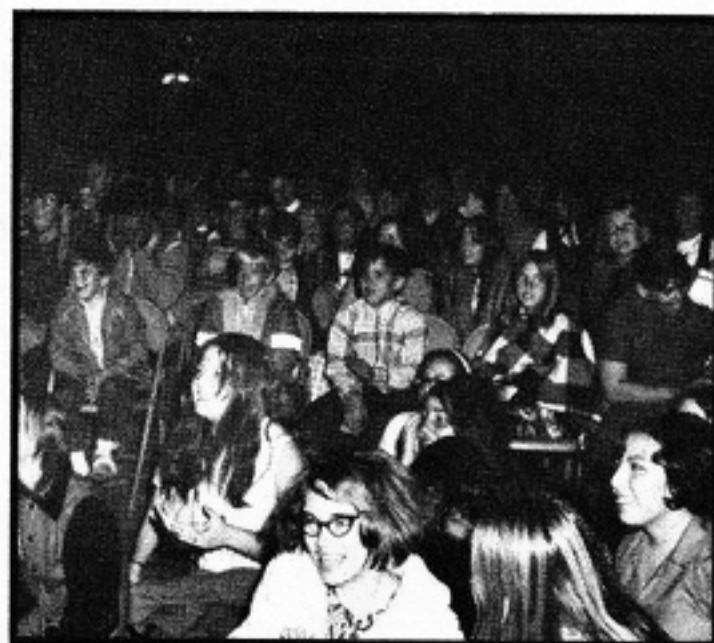
Cindy—it really depends on what it is that's gone wrong as to whether or not David gets **really** upset or just a little upset. Actually the people who get really upset when things aren't on schedule are the road managers who are trying to keep the whole thing together. Kim and I have never seen David really lose his cool or his temper—so I guess we haven't seen or heard anything on the

road that could be called a "Cassidy Upset!"

DOES DAVID CARRY HIS OWN LUGGAGE, OR DOES HE HAVE SOMEONE TO CARRY HIS LUGGAGE FOR HIM?

**Jerry Wong
Los Angeles, Ca.**

Jerry—David carries his own luggage—we all do. If we depended on someone else to grab our stuff for us, I'm afraid we would be out in the cold! Actually, everyone on the touring family is very helpful with each other (and that includes helping each other out if one of us looks like he might get buried under an unusual amount of suitcases and bags!), but usually, everyone takes care of his own stuff.



EXCITED FANS awaiting their David!

DAVID HAS TRAVELED SO MUCH IN THE LAST YEAR. DOES HE STILL DIG IT AS MUCH AS HE USED TO?

**Marcia Robson
Colorado Springs, Colo.**

Marcia—yup! David still digs traveling as much as he always has. We think he's got a bit of gypsy blood in him because nothing makes him happier or more excited than just picking up a few belongings and dashing out to some unknown lands! He's an adventurer at heart—and to be sure, if he had been born hundreds of years ago, he would be famous today as one of the explorers of the world. But aren't you glad that David is of our generation so that he can give the dynamite concerts he's been giving for the past year? We sure are!

All Our Love,

Kim & Dave