

DAVID DISAPPEARS!

WHEN THE TV CAMERAS stopped rolling on the taping of this season's *The Partridge Family* series on December 10, the whole PF gang had a happy "Christmas-y" sort of get together in their great big PF studio at the Columbia-Screen Gems Ranch—after which everybody darted off in a different direction! Shirley, of course, headed home to spend some leisurely time with her handsome husband and three adorable sons. Susan took off for the Los Angeles airport, where she immediately boarded a plane to return to her home in Mt. Kisco and be with her beloved family for the Yuletide season. Danny, Suzanne and the rest of the PF gang also went off to their respective homes to rejoin their families. But David Cassidy simply *disappeared!*

WHITHER DAVID?!

David and his roommate-pal, Sam Hyman, settled in their new home—complete with an unscalable metal, barbed wire-topped fence and a huge electric gate—in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. The San Fernando Valley is about 20 miles north of Hollywood in the Burbank area, which is quite near the Columbia-Screen Gems Ranch, not to mention near the new home of a fellow TV star, Bobby Sherman! Anyway, no sooner did David and his friend move in than David disappeared! In fact, except for David's mom—who is visiting with him on the West Coast—the new Cassidy San Fernando residence was "wiped out!"

TIME TO TRAVEL

David has always loved to travel. His first long trip took place when he was 14—when his dad took him to Hawaii for a two-weeks vacation. Since then, of course, David has traveled all over America and has visited and/or given concerts in every major city in the U.S. But he has never been abroad—so when he discovered that ABC-Screen Gems execs were giving *The Partridge Family* gang a well-deserved, four month *hiatus* (TV-talk for vacation), David decided to grab the opportunity to go to Europe!

With passport in hand, David boarded a superjet bound for Paris, France. Actually, David didn't stay in any one place in Europe for too long a time. His travel itinerary included stops not only in France, but also in Spain, Italy, Portugal and England. Aside from the obvious reasons, David chose to travel in Europe because he knew that it would be the *one* place where he could travel casually and openly—for in Europe, David "Keith Partridge" Cassidy is *unknown*, except in England where the PF TV show is running. So David was able to travel much the way he did many years ago when he visited Hawaii. He could saunter down the streets, talk to the people and sit in street cafes. David could do whatever he pleased without being stopped by strangers and asked for autographs or asked to pose for pictures. Nor did he have to do his usual interviews, promotions, etc.

And, yes—it was all *very* relaxing and very good fun. But when the time came for David to turn around and head back home, he was all too happy to do it, for—though he loved having leisure and his privacy—he was beginning to miss the thrill and excitement of performing—singing and acting—for *you!!*

