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to reconsider something two or three times before doing it. Without knowing it, his fans often gave him no choice about certain things.

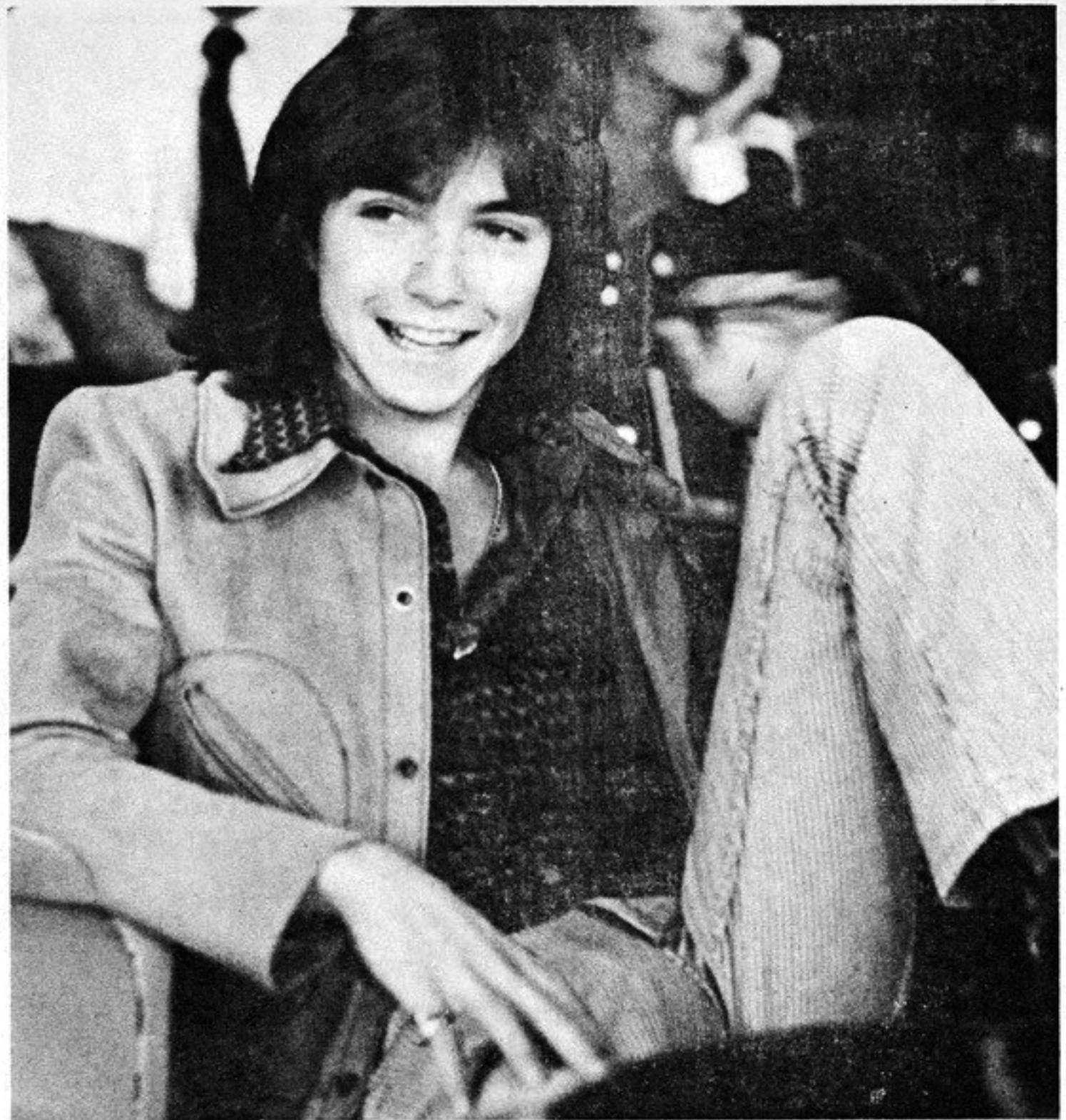
When he had gone on vacation with Sam to Hawaii he loved every minute of it... even when he had that near fatal accident with his scuba tank. Afterwards, he received several letters accusing him of being inconsiderate of his fans by doing anything as dangerous as scuba diving! David was shocked! He hadn't meant to hurt anyone—he simply loved scuba diving! But those fans demanded he stop his hobby!

When "Partridge Family" first began, he and Susan Dey discovered that they were very good friends and that was all. But then came the letters saying David was crazy for dating anyone besides Susan! It would be better for the show, they said, if he didn't date anyone except Susan. Even better, why didn't he and Susan get married? Still, others thought he and Susan had a secret romance!

Then there was his home in Laurel Canyon that he had finally and sadly given up because of the fans who waited for him there twenty-four hours of the day!

It was all so silly and, yet, so true! A handful of fans were expecting so much from his private life! Was he wrong in feeling it was too much?

Those had just been some of them but there had been many more demands just as strongly



worded! Demands such as wearing his hair differently; opening his house to the public every



Sunday; visiting all his fan clubs personally! David had to sigh when he tried to remember all of them.

He realized his fans had only good intentions when they wrote to him. He knew they were actually concerned with his safety about scuba diving but he also knew that he enjoyed his hobby and didn't want to stop. And did his fans honestly feel it was right to choose a wife or even a girlfriend for him? Shouldn't he be the one to choose?

The demands were getting more unreasonable with each letter. David walked to his desk and sat down. He picked up his pen and began to write... "Please understand that although I love you and am grateful to you for all you've done, that I must live my life the way I see best. I must choose for myself who my friends are, where I go, what I do."

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