



"Since the sightseeing tour was rained out, the press went back to the Dorchester Hotel where David posed for pictures in the hotel's beautiful 17th century-style Terrace Room!"

# DAVID

## in LONDON

### and EUROPE!

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it decided to do when we'd been standing in front of the Palace for about 15 minutes! First, slow, heavy drips and then a soaking downpour. "Back to the hotel" we all cried, and that was the abrupt ending of our sightseeing trip!

David invited the photographers and reporters back to the hotel and we all had a friendly photo session and press conference. But I was really looking forward to my personal interview with David!

For the photo session, David wore a superb pair of suede trousers and some enormous sheepskin ski-boots! I remarked on them, and David laughingly explained, "I went to Europe with only a pair of tennis shoes and a pair of hiking boots, so I had to buy these because I needed something warmer up in the mountains!"

### I INTERVIEW DAVID!

Finally the day arrived for my interview with David! It was also the day David was due to leave England, and so I would be positively the last person to talk to him before he left for the airport! I was so excited to see David that for the first time in my life I was early for an appoint-

ment! There were so many things I wanted to talk to David about that I didn't dare be late!

When I arrived at the hotel, there was a huge crowd of girls there, although most of them should have been in school! I asked a green-and-gold jacketed official where I would find Mr. Cassidy's suite. He checked with the front desk that I was 'okay' then led me to a very solid-looking oak door at the back of the hotel on the first floor. "This is Mr. Cassidy's suite," he announced, very formally, and departed.

It must have only been a few seconds, but it seemed like an hour that I stood there outside the door, plucking up courage to knock. When I at last did, the door opened almost immediately, and there stood David!

"Hello!" he smiled, "Come on in, I've been expecting you!" David led me into his living room, which was luxurious in an old-fashioned way! There was a comfortable green sofa, and as David sat down he gestured for me to sit there, too. Considering that he'd spent all week working hard, David was in a very chatty mood, and he was very anxious to tell all about his adventures in Europe and his holiday in London.

David said, "I first decided that I needed a holiday last Christmas, and I chose Europe because I've never been here before and there was so much to see and explore!

"So I caught a plane to Rome on my own, and the first thing I did was hire a red Volkswagen camper. The camper was complete with

sleeping facilities so that when I left Rome I could stay in it if I wanted to," said David.

### DAVID IN ROME!

"While I was in Rome I saw all the usual sights and I was very impressed by the beauty of the city! In a way it was kind of funny not to be recognized by anyone, cause *The Partridge Family* isn't aired in Italy. But when I'd adjusted, I didn't feel lonely. I like to think I'm an independent person!

"My first catastrophe—and my last real one, thank goodness—came when I was in Rome. I decided I should go see the Coliseum, so I parked the VW van about two blocks away which was the nearest I could get. I spent a couple of hours exploring the Coliseum, then made my way back to the van. What a shock I got when I found that it had been broken into and everything of any value had been stolen. I'd been robbed! I was very upset at the time, and more so later because apart from the value of the things that had been stolen—my lovely Nikon camera, my travelers' checks, passport, wallet and some other things—I had to spend three days getting a new passport, new checks, everything!

"First I had to go to the police and it took ages making them understand what happened, cause I don't speak much Italian! Then I went to the American Embassy, then on to the American Express Office. Eventually I got everything put right, and bought a new Nikon because I wanted to get some beautiful pictures of Italy," said David!



"David went back to his room to relax and invited reporters and photographers to come! Check out his new sheepskin boots!"

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