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AT THE Winter Gardens, Bournemouth last week Slade found themselves in the centre of fan mania. To escape after their performance the group used a black maria as a decoy vehicle and travelled in a second black maria to get them to safety. As all of the concerts have been sell-outs, Slade decided to give more fans a chance of obtaining tickets for their Bristol concert by making them available by post.

Slade are set to visit Australia for a 15-day tour in the new year, and a visit to Japan is being considered. Meanwhile their fame is building throughout Europe with their sustained German tour and offers are flooding in from France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Germany and Holland, as well as from behind the Iron Curtain in Yugoslavia.

When Slade appeared at the Paris Olympia they were called back on stage by police so that they could calm the frenzied audience. An excitable crowd also saw the group work at the Rainbow last weekend, when Wayne, Merrill and Alan Osmond also watched the show.



BELL RECORDS have pressed over 200,000 copies of the new David Cassidy single, *Rock Me*, to meet the expected demand when the record is released this week.

The record is the long-awaited follow-up to David's recent number one hit *How Can I Be Sure* and the Partridge Family's *Breaking Up Is So Hard To Do*. But how much longer will Cassidy stay with the family?

Everybody is keeping mum about David's future with Shirley Jones and company as his annual contract with Screen Gems to make the show comes up for review next month and it is understandable that Cassidy would want to leave the show to develop his talents in other fields.

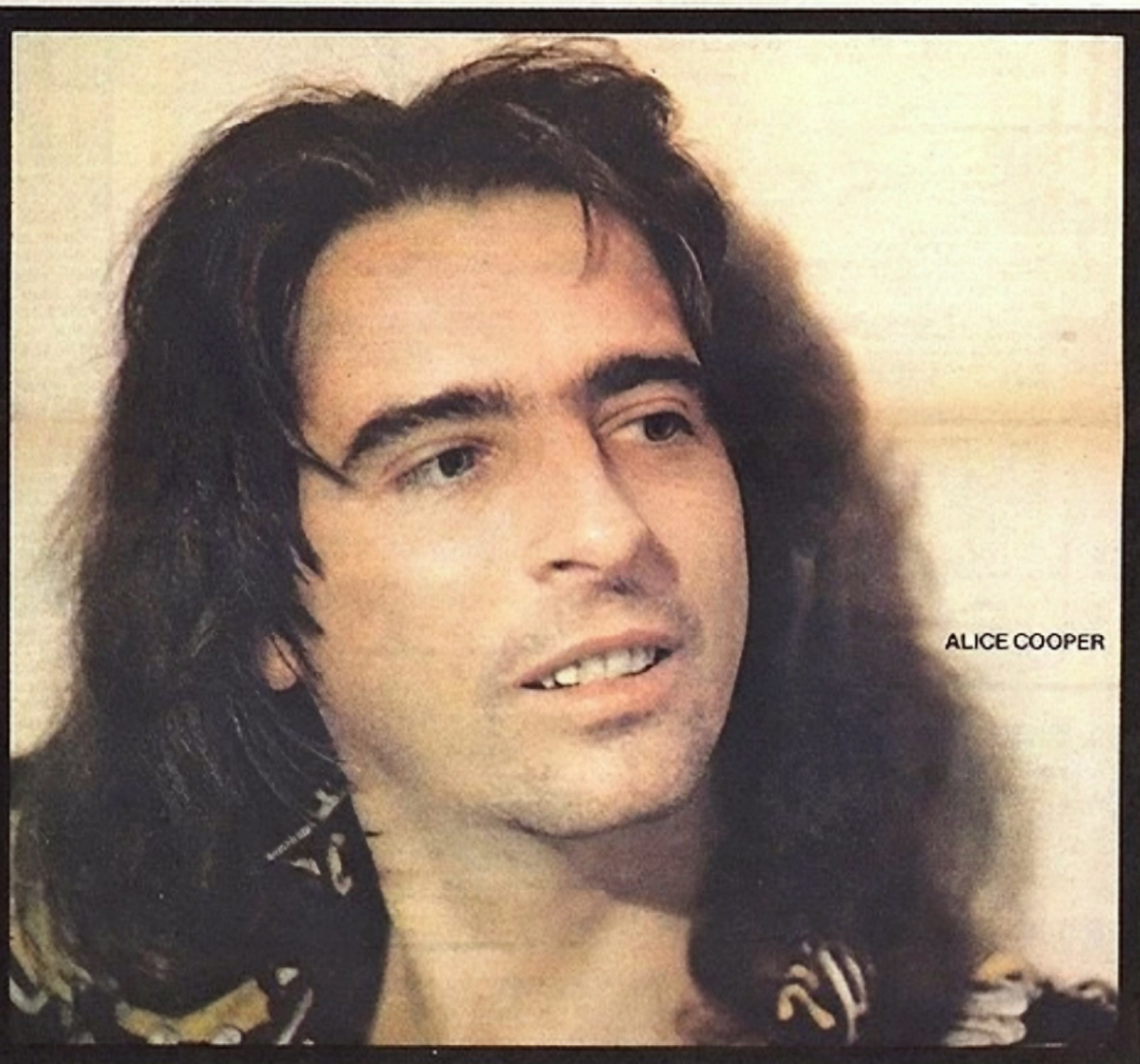
At the moment David is forced to record his solo records in between shooting the series and making personal appearances, so his departure from the TV show would allow him more time in the studio and to tour.

A spokesman for London Weekend Television, who shows the programme in London on Saturday mornings just before the Osmond Brothers' cartoon show, said that the Partridge family has been the most successful of their American originated pop series, including the Jackson and Osmond shows.

He added that LWT have seven more Partridge shows to broadcast and that a decision to buy more will be made next month.

Plans are still being made for David to tour Europe in March, after which he will return to America to begin work on a major feature film.

A new Cassidy album, *Rock Me*, is being released on January 5.



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