



TAUGHT HIM!

had played one of the greatest acting roles of his life! For no matter how much he tried to kid himself and his new-found "friends," underneath the whole thing was the real David.

SHOCKING STORY!

Then the day came—the advance copy of the paper arrived in David's mailbox. He looked at the cover and a chill ran down his back. When he turned to the centerspread beginning his interview, he felt sick to his stomach. As he read the words, he felt like he was having a bad dream! He had had such excitement over the article and now he felt betrayed and embarrassed. Who was this perso. they were writing about?

Not him!

That's when David realized what had happened. Putting faith in his new "friends" he had made one of the biggest mistakes of his life! He wanted to strike out and hit something—anything—but he felt weak all over! He couldn't eat, he was so upset and hours later when Sam

came home David went to him.

HEART-TO-HEART TALK

Embarrassed at what he had done, not only to himself and to those who had worked so hard for him, but the way he had treated Sam, David found it hard to talk. But Sam was his best friend and he assured David he was still his friend and wanted to help. They talked long into the night and when David finally left to go to bed, he found he was relieved, but not completely.

A cloud still seemed to hang about him that he could not shake. He had hurt Sam and his other close friends, but because they were real friends, squaring things was not too difficult.

HURT HIS FANS

Now all David could think about was his fans. Would there be any left after the way he had hurt them? No matter how hard he pretended, David had to face the fact that they,

too, were friends that he had betrayed. As the morning sun began peeking over the mountains filling the empty room, David still wondered to himself, "Can they ever forgive me?"

But he had to wait for the answer. The early letters he received showed his fans were terribly upset and hurt, which didn't surprise David. But then, as the fever of the moment passed, the messages changed their tone. Many of the same fans wrote him again and this time their words were one of love, faith and trust. It was almost too much for David to believe!

A QUIET THANKS

Though he felt undeserving, David said a silent prayer of "thanks." He had learned a bitter lesson, but one he will never forget. He learned that age doesn't matter. His fans may be younger than him, but they show real trust, real friendship and real love and David knows now that these things can't be faked or forged.

It's the real David you love and it's the real caring you show that David will cherish forever.