

HOT-LINE FROM HOLLYWOOD!

SUSAN CALLING

SUSAN: Hello, Pat. I've been meaning to call for a while now to bring you up to date on the news, but so much seems to have been happening lately that I guess I've never gotten around to doing it till now.

ME: *Well, now's as good a time as any! So fire away! Just what are all these things that have been happening?*

SUSAN: First of all, I've moved into a new house . . . Oh, I guess I must have actually moved in about a month back. I've not bought it or anything . . . Just leased it for a while. But it's really lovely. I keep catching myself wishing it could be mine for good!

ME: *It must be nice if it makes you feel that way about it! But what made you decide to move? I thought you liked the place you were in before . . . And you redecorated it all not long ago, didn't you?*

SUSAN: Yes. I just about had the place the way I wanted it. And now, of course, I'm starting the whole process all over with my new house! I guess it's kinda lucky that I enjoy decorating and making new curtains and furnishings. Otherwise I reckon I'd have moved into a hotel instead!

ME: *And are you still staying on your own, Susan, or will you be sharing with someone this time?*

SUSAN: I've a new room-mate. In fact, I met her through the Partridge Family in the first instance. You see, Barbara used to do the music for the show before, and we've been good friends ever since. She was looking for some place new at the same time I was, it seemed sort of natural to find a slightly bigger place and move in together.

ME: *But what made you start thinking of moving in the first place?*

SUSAN: Well, I'd been thinking that I ought to come in closer for quite a spell. There've been so many offers coming up recently that it seemed much more sensible to be living within easy reach of town instead of way out in the valley. So I finally upped and did something about it!

ME: *That sounds exciting . . . All those offers . . . Is there anything special you can tell me about?*

SUSAN: Not really, right now, I'm afraid, Pat. You see, the Partridge Family has kept me so busy ever since we came back in the summer, that I haven't had a chance to take any of them up even if I'd wanted to. But I must say, if I'd been free, there were certainly some very interesting roles.

Right now, I'm thinking of the future rather than the present. Because, even if the Partridge Family

is taken up for another complete season, there'll be a fairly long hiatus when I'll be free to try my hand at all sorts of other things.

ME: *Well, the best of luck! I just hope we'll get the chance to see you in some of them.*

SUSAN: I sure hope so too. That would be really nice. Hey, have you seen any of the shows with Ricky Seagul in yet?

ME: *No, not yet, but I suppose they'll finally get over to us . . . Why?*

SUSAN: Oh, I just thought you might be interested to know that he's releasing his first album any minute now.

ME: *His first album! But he's only four years old!!*

SUSAN: Sure, he's only four years old. But he's awfully cute and he's got quite a singing voice, you know.

ME: *Actually, I didn't know! But I'm quite happy to take your word for it. It's really knocked me out! At four years old!*

SUSAN: Well, remember, Donny Osmond started around that age. So why not Ricky Seagul?

ME: *Why not indeed! What sort of material does he sing, Susan?*

SUSAN: I guess it must be pretty similar to Donny's earliest numbers, if you can recall those . . . though I'm not sure I can! His father writes all his songs — even the ones he sings on the show.

ME: *Does he sing a lot on the show, then?*

SUSAN: Oh, yes, quite a bit. In fact, I don't think he's missed a single show since he joined us. He really is a rather talented young man.

ME: *He certainly sounds it. I can't wait to see him on our screens now.*

But before you go rushing off, I must ask you if you've got any plans for your twenty-first?

SUSAN: The only plan I've got fixed for sure so far is that I really mean to enjoy myself that day! I guess I'll probably throw a party — if I've gotten the place straightened out in time!

ME: *Well, if I don't speak to you again before the 10th, make it a really great day, won't you? After all, it's the only twenty-first Birthday you'll ever have, and all of us here in Britain will be thinking of you on the big day!*

SUSAN: I'll remember that . . . And thanks, Pat . . . Thanks to all my friends over there. I'll be thinking of you too.