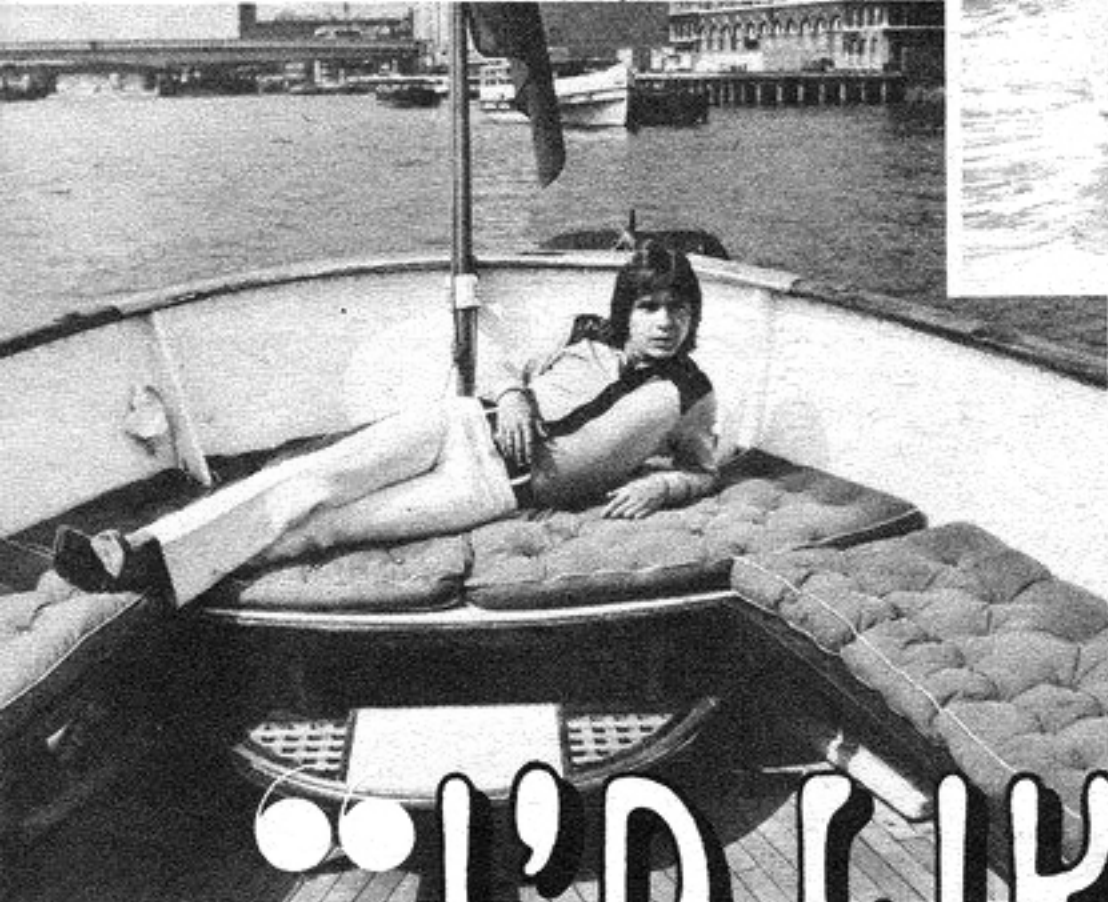
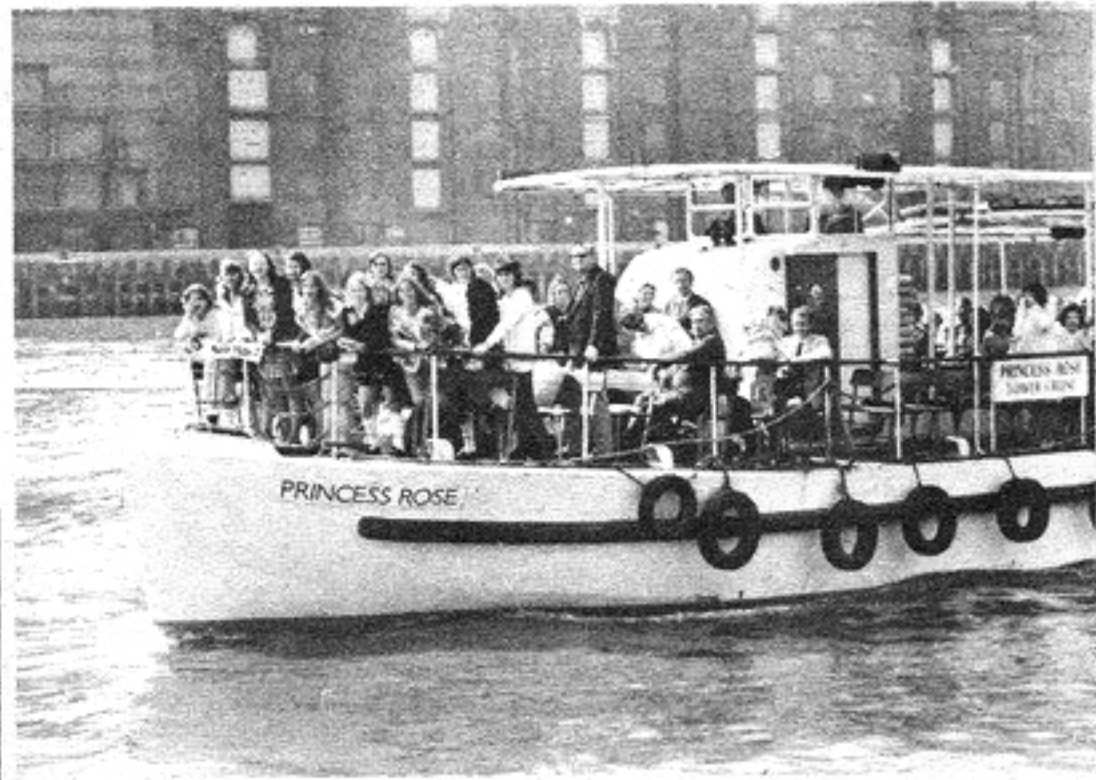


He could hardly believe it when fans took to taking cruises past his ship to get a glimpse of him relaxing from chores on "The Partridge Family."

Even more unbelievable was when two young girls jumped off their cruise ship to get aboard with their idol.



"I'D LIKE TO REMAIN A BACHELOR... FOR A TIME"

Still, the little nine year old girls are sweet, especially when they ask him to wait for them to grow up before he marries.

■ "My situation with drugs has brought me comparisons with Paul McCartney when he was there," said David Cassidy aboard his floating, stately British home, the SS "Ocean Sabre."

The luxury 200 ton Taylor-Burton-Onassis-style yacht will be David's European headquarters for the next year when he plans a mammoth onslaught on the European airwaves and pop emotions.

We had been ferried out to the Ocean Sabre from the Tower Pier near London's famed Tower of London and Tower Bridge. Elizabeth and Richard Burton had docked their yacht, Kalizma, there two years ago when their pet pooches were subject to British quarantine laws.

The Burtons had got so much publicity because of the tourist boats around, that David's promoters had apparently decided that the publicity would be good for him as well. Also, it was supposed to keep David at a distance from his fans. Of course, fans could try to swim out to the boat, but the river Thames at that point, is as good as shark infested. The water is so filthy that when two 14 year old girls, Elsie Reynolds and

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