## When It Comes To Dating—Steady Or Just One-Nighters—David Cassidy Is No Slouch! But What Is This—America's Most Desirable Young Bachelor Is Refusing To Ever Wed?

■ It was late at night and David Bruce Cassidy sat alone in a motel room on the edge of a large mid-western city. He could see telegraph poles and wheat fields in the bright moonlight. The scene was somehow a sad one. David shivered and deep inside he felt cold and alone.

HIS SECRET FEAR

David slowly turned away from the window, and stood for a moment looking at the figures on the late movie dance about on his TV set. He switched it off, lay down on the bed and buried his face in his pillow. For some reason he found himself thinking of all the girls he'd ever dated—girls he'd really cared for. There was Judy, Robyn, Jan and many others. He sighed when he remembered how "serious" he had been about each of them. He had even secretly wondered what it would be like to be married to one of them, but somehow the idea of marriage never really clicked in David's mind or heart. No, marriage wouldn't be for him. He would go on dating, loving and caring—but he'd never wed. David didn't know why, yet he was firmly convinced he could never ever find the one right, perfect girl for him—the one he could give himself to completely, with no reservation, and forever.

There may be several reasons why David Cassidy has a secret fear of marriage. Though he is still friends with his dad, he has certainly known firsthand the intense suffering a child must endure when a mother and father separate and divorce. David was only four and one-half years old when he realized that his dad had left him, and it was only a short time afterwards that his mom had to tell him that she and her husband—and David's dad, actor Jack Cassidy—were getting divorced.

As if that were not enough, David had to watch his mother go through another unfortunate and unhappy marriage, while his dashing and handsome dad married movie star Shirley Jones and begat a family of three beautiful sons—and then repeatedly separated and threatened to get divorced!

A WALL AROUND HIS HEART

In spite of all this David has never slackened in his intense love for girls and women. When it comes to friends, companions, or whatever, David much prefers female company to male. But it is as though through his observations—and some of his personal experiences—he has been badly hurt and disillusioned. So, to protect himself from possible future disaster, David has built a sort of wall around his heart. Just when he feels he might get too deeply involved or really fall in love for keeps he backs off, he retreats, and he hides behind that "wall".

There is one—and only one—way David can ever be "rescued" from his personal doubts and fears of love. And that is by YOU! Yes—you who care about him so totally, so uncritically, so undemandingly and so deeply, are the one person who can show him—by your unswervable faith in him and through your pure, innocent and everlasting love for him—that he can "be born" again.



David with Robyn.

David with Jan.





