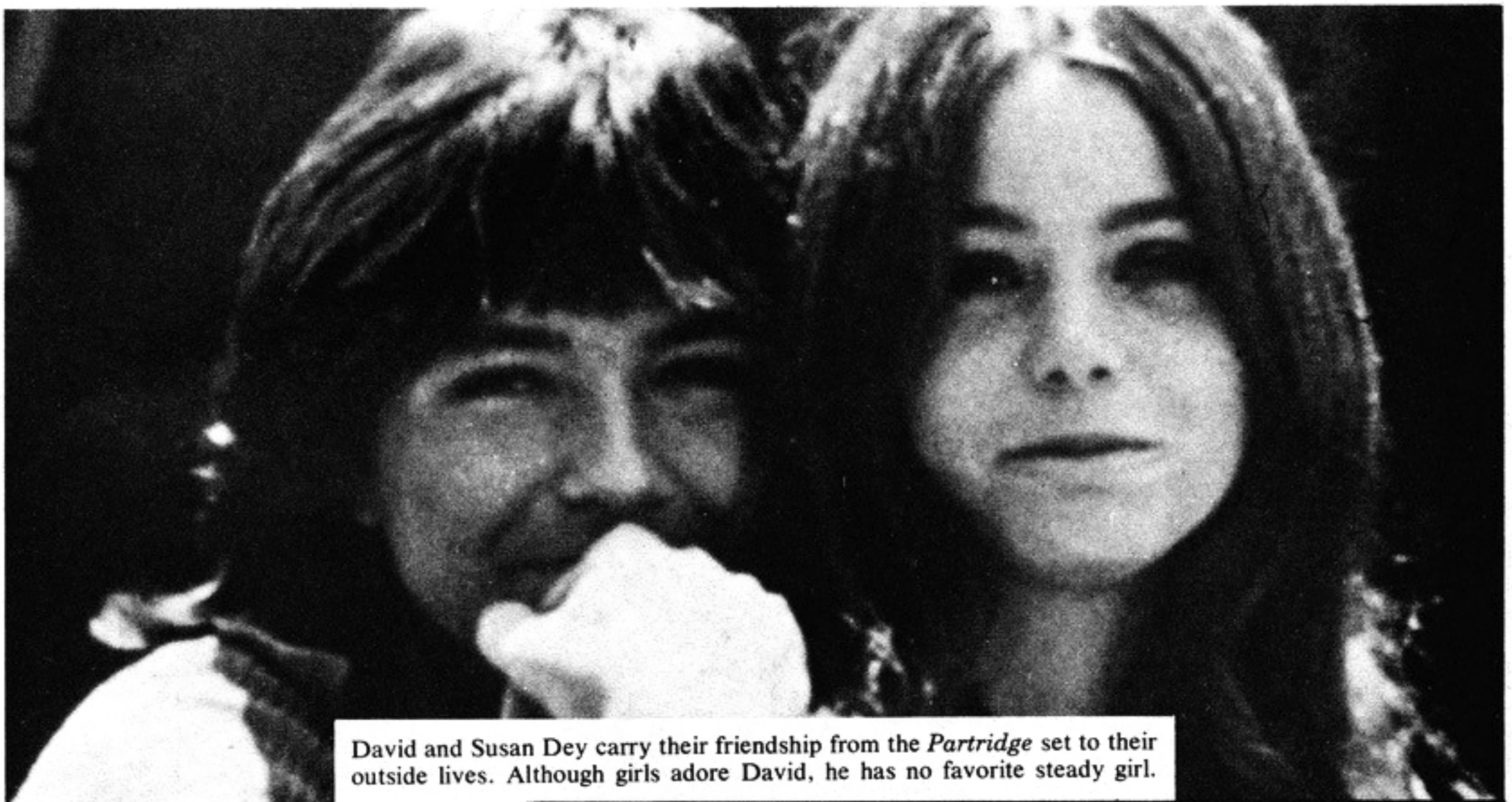


# REBELLION AGAINST HIS PARENTS-- OR HIS FANS?



David and Susan Dey carry their friendship from the *Partridge* set to their outside lives. Although girls adore David, he has no favorite steady girl.

There were immediate results. Some big concerts he had planned on doing were called off: his fans had been insulted to the quick. Little girls who had fallen asleep with his photo over their beds now began to talk more about other idols. David's action would take some time to undo itself. Meanwhile, the hurt lingered. Hurt to his own prestige, to his father, Jack Cassidy, and his stepmother, Shirley Jones, and to millions of fans. "Mr. Nice Guy" became "The Big Bad Wolf."

Like most crises, this too will blow over. But it is important to realize why it happened—to realize that David is human just like the rest of us! The pressures of being a star had overwhelmed him. He didn't scorn his fans: he felt closed in and threatened by them. He wasn't trying to spite his parents; he was crying out to them for help. Now, if they can help him, the teenyboppers will return.



Stepmother Shirley Jones (r.) flew out of the country when *The Rolling Stone* interview came out. David's father Jack Cassidy was furious but kept quiet.