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Why David's of his fa

We talked to David in England. He told us being a superstar can be a problem . . .

David burst into the dressing room. His face was almost dripping with sweat and he looked exhausted.

It was no wonder. A few moments earlier David had been singing his heart out to an audience of 6,000. He'd caused scenes of hysteria and emotion not seen since the Beatles' days!

After a short rest to get his breath back he vigorously rubbed his face with a towel. He had a long, cool drink of orange juice, lit a long cigar, and sat back in his chair.

"It sure was terrific out there," he told us. "It was just beautiful.

I'm really grateful for everything and grateful to everybody. I know that a lot of people care for me and that's a nice thing to know.

"If I didn't get a fairly good response I'd want to know why. But tonight—I was amazed by my fans."

We asked him what kind of response he got in America.

"Terrific!" he almost shouted. "My fans seem great everywhere, but I've been doing concerts for nearly two years in the States."

But being such a superstar has its problems!

"I had to move house about a year ago

because of prowlers in the night. I've also had to change the registration on my car to save it from souvenir hunters and my telephone number has to be changed quite regularly. That number's as secretly guarded as the hot-line to the White House!" he said with a laugh.

"I have to make my getaways from the set in Hollywood when I'm doing the TV shows. Now that's something! My friend drives my car with me hiding on the floor. If we didn't do that I'd never leave the studio in one piece."

Does he ever get a chance to meet his fans personally?

"I've gone past the point when you go on a personal appearance tour signing autographs in supermarkets. If I went to sign autographs in New York the fans would come from miles around and I'd get mobbed. I don't mind signing 2,000 autographs but 80,000 would be too much!

"I would really like the opportunity to meet more of my fans personally but they are too powerful in numbers. If I spoke to one then two would come and so on until I'd suddenly find myself surrounded by thousands.

"Nevertheless, I love the lot of them!"

Sadly, we had to leave David. He had to take a shower. He was still wearing his stage clothes and it was time for a change.

"Hope to see you soon," he said with a big smile as he shook our hands.

We hope so too!!

