

IT OFTEN RAINED FOR ALBERT



Life wasn't always easy for the 'It Never Rains in Southern California' man! In-between various jobs as singer, which didn't pay him enough to live on.

Albert Hammond did all kinds of other jobs. As a result he can now cook quite well, sew a good stitch and repair both electrical and plumbing fixtures!!

Albert was born 15 years ago in San Francisco and at the young age of 14 he left home and headed for L.A. on his own. Once there he made his living by singing in small clubs and picking grapes in the vineyards. He cut his first record when he was 15!

He returned to San Francisco when he was 18 and started up his own rock 'n' roll band which competed in many contests across Europe—

and won! Then the group split up and he joined forces with one of the members of his disbanded group, calling themselves Albert and Richard.

Together they toured Europe, made a few records, appeared in a few movies and later became members of an English repertory company where they sang, did comedy routines and sketches. Albert even danced—he was the lead in the ballet, 'Billy The Kid'. When the team broke up Albert was again determined to make it on his own.

He was playing and singing with a band in London when he first met Mike Hazewood, the other half of his present songwriting team. Since then, he's never looked back. But you'll know that if you've heard his latest single, 'Free Electric Band'.



MARC'S PAST

Did you know that Marc Bolan was once in a group that upstaged the Who? The band was called John's Children and went to Germany on the same tour as the Who before they were really famous.

"I used to do a stunt with a big cabinet," Marc told us. "I dragged it across the stage with metal chains! In fact we only played for about ten minutes then the Who would come on and do their song 'My Generation'. But they couldn't do anything better than us!"

"If I was them I'd have had us taken off! I really used to copy Pete Townshend!"

John's Children must've been quite a sight!

DAVID'S DRESS STARS

It isn't only lately that David Bowie has taken to wearing strange clothes!

David's love of way-out clothes goes back a long way.

There was one album sleeve on which he appeared wearing a dress! Everyone was very shocked—but it was in fact a man's dress!

When he was in America around that time he wore that dress in Texas but those he-man Americans didn't like it one little bit! In fact he received several threats from them!

David's neighbours in Beckenham, Kent are used to seeing him drifting around the High Street in the most incredible outfits!



UNDISCIPLINED DAVID



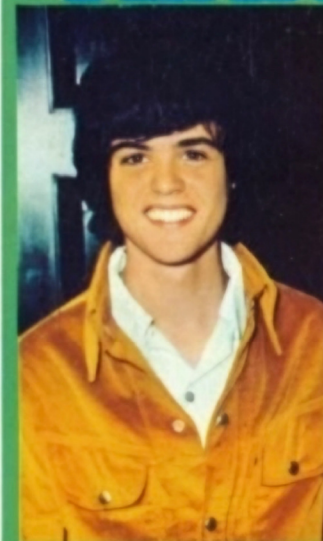
Although David Cassidy has written quite a few incredible songs in his time—'Ricky's Tune' is one—he doesn't profess to be a great songwriter!

"I like writing but I'm not a disciplined writer," he told us. "I can't sit at a piano every day and write hit after hit."

"When I do compose songs it could be anywhere. It all depends on what I'm feeling. I might be strumming a guitar or even when I'm sitting in the bath!"

So next time you're grooving away to a D.C. original remember—they're few and far between!!

DONNY..20 YEARS ON



Ever wondered what Donny will be doing with himself in about 20 years time? We certainly have!

"I just want to stay in showbusiness all my life in a group with my brothers," he told us smiling. "I hope people still like us then. I know you can't stay at the top forever but I'd hate to be singing to empty theatres!"

Don't worry Donny. We're sure that will never happen!