

DAVID'S DREAMS

...And Hopes For The Future!

It was one of the surprise visits of the year when David Cassidy flew into London a few weeks ago, but it was a welcome visit as no-one expected to see David until June of next year when he plans to do an extensive tour of Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Great Britain — his British tour hopefully including concerts in Ireland and Scotland.

Just before he flew back to the States, David spoke to us about his plans for the future. The question in most peoples' minds being what would happen about his TV series, 'The Partridge Family'?

"Well, at the moment I've got about another 10 weeks of filming to go, and then that's it. I won't be appearing in the series any more, not even as a guest. I've got nothing against the show, it's just that I've had enough. It's been fun, and I really like all the people who work on it, but I think it's time for me to quit."

What would David do with all the time he'd have? He laughed before answering, but explained, "Resting! At least for a couple of months. I really don't have any definite plans, I just want to cool it and take a look at myself and what I want to do. You know filming the Partridge Family has taken up five days a week for the last couple of years, and it's meant I haven't really had time to work things out. That's what I want to do." Next, we talked about his latest album, "Dreams Are Nuthin' More Than Wishes," which David is very pleased with.

"I think it's the best thing, I've done. I chose all the numbers on the album except one, and they're all songs that mean something to me, album except one, and they're all songs that mean something to me, so it's a pretty personal album. "Puppy Song" I really like and "Ball High" is another favourite. Most times I never think that cover versions on songs sound better than the original version — but even though I say it myself, I think this is better," he grinned, and went on: "Something that was really nice was that a lot of the arrangements just happened, I mean they weren't planned down to the last thing. So it's a very spontaneous L.P."

One of the rumours that started flying around when David arrived in London was about a girl called Gloria whom David was photographed with, and whom he was said to be going steady with. Was it true?

"Well," said David, grinning broadly, "I heard that rumour too. So did Gloria's husband, 'cos he sent me a good luck card this morning! No, it's not true at all. Before I came over here, I asked Gloria and another girl to come with me, because they'd done backing singing for me on the album, and I wanted to use them over here. It turned out that they couldn't get work permits, but I asked them to come along anyway, and that's all there is to it. I don't have a steady girlfriend at all."

Phew, we heard a sigh of relief coming from all around the country with that explanation! The main purpose of David's visit was to appear on the special 500th edition of Top of the Pops, and he sang his song on the runway at Heathrow Airport! "It was certainly one of the most unusual places I've ever sung at, but it was quite good fun. Actually it was lucky anyone even saw me, because I very nearly didn't have anything to wear! My luggage was all ready to go back in the States and in all the confusion it got left behind. So all I had to wear was the jeans I had on on the plane. It was really funny 'cos someone on the plane had a white suit — about 10 sizes too big. All the way over I was standing in the lounge of the plane being fitted for this suit which was re-made mid-air. Still, I don't think anyone noticed, but it was touch and go at the time."

David's flight was being called, so just before he dashed off, we asked him if he was looking forward to his tour. "Yes, I really am. And I'm looking forward to visiting other parts of the British Isles this time as well."

