

"I don't want to work any more I just want to live"



Angeles, and although he recently bought a beautiful Spanish-style, ranch-type house in San Fernando Valley, it clearly isn't far enough away from the rat-race to give him the privacy he so badly needs these days.

"Although I love my work and my fans," he says, "I must get some privacy now. I don't want to become a hermit, but I *must* begin to lead my own life..."

And what a life it promises to be! While living in San Fernando Valley, David's been keeping his two horses at a nearby ranch, and taking time out to get some gardening practice! The house fairly abounds with flowers and vegetables now, but their planting was for more than just decoration — it was also good practice for the farming that David intends to do on his island paradise.

And the special care and attention he has given his horses was not only because he loves horses and riding — it was also because they're both going to Maui as well, where David plans to start breeding racehorses, when he's not busy planting that is! But there's a lot of work he has to do on the island first, before any breeding or planting can begin. Like building somewhere to live, for instance! And I don't mean a straw lean-to, next to a palm tree, either! Quite the opposite in fact.

Picture this if you can (without going pea-green with envy!).



A series of six-sided buildings, made of stone, wood and glass, standing near each other on a palm-covered hillside, all connected with covered walk-ways! The first will be for relaxing and entertaining; the second for composing and rehearsing! the third for cooking and dining; and the fourth for showering and sleeping. Spectacular isn't the word for it! And there's more to come! On the surrounding land there is also to be a group of guest chalets, a swimming pool, and tennis courts — not to mention the horses' stables and the land which has been set aside for tropical gardens and vegetable patches!

In other words, the perfect setting to escape from the sort of pressure and strain that's made David feel so desperate recently! But it's going to take a lot of work before it becomes that perfect setting. In fact David, and the three young architects who designed the whole project, will be helping

with the building themselves, and will be on the island for a year, living in tents until the house is completed!

"I'll be out of show business and into something I've never done before," enthuses David again. "And it's something I've been waiting to do, and wanting to do all my life!"

And when his paradise is completed... what then?

"Eventually I'd like to spend six to nine months of each year on Maui," he reveals. "Then the rest of the time I'll spend travelling, or in Hollywood. I'll still make records, but apart from that I don't know. I'll be making those decisions later..." Then he adds: "I just hope my fans will understand all this, and help me. I've got to know they're behind me all the way if I'm going to make a success of my new life..."

Need he ask? I can hear your adoring screams from here, so I don't think so!

CLIVE HAROLD

