



# TERROR!

## Cassidy weenies kept at bay by dog patrols

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**A** SNAPPING Alsatian keeps terrified weenyboppers at bay outside the hotel where pop idol David Cassidy was staying last night. The Alsatian was one of two guard dogs brought in by security men to stop hundreds of hysterical fans from storming the building. Both dogs were held on long leashes by the security men in a bid to clear the hotel forecourt. One girl was slightly hurt as she ran from the dogs and was hit by a car. Other fans were nipped by the dogs. But only one person was

bitten—one of the American singer's own entourage. It all happened at the Esso Motor Hotel, Wembley, where 22-year-old Cassidy has been staying while giving a weekend series of concerts at the nearby Empire Pool. Earlier in the series, parents claimed that their daughters had been hosed down by security men trying to keep crowds from the American star. Yesterday Cassidy was chased by hundreds of young girls, some of them only twelve, as he was driven back to the hotel. They packed the hotel

forecourt, chanting: "We want David!" Extra security men were called in as the crowd tried to rush the locked plate-glass doors. Inside the hotel, staff held the doors in case the crowd managed to break their way in. Police fought their way through the crowd to pluck out some girls in danger of being crushed against the doors. At the height of the battle the girls smashed an 130 plate-glass window at the rear of the hotel in an attempt to reach their idol. It was only when the

weenyboppers' hysteria reached fever point that the two dogs were brought in. Some girls were visibly shocked—and scared—as the dogs moved forward. Hotel manager Brian Holt said: "I've never seen anything like this. "We got the dogs from a security firm. I don't think they would hurt anyone." After the final show of the series—his first in London—Cassidy said last night: "It has been great. "Now I feel really hoarse. I just want to sleep for a week." Picture by BUNNY ATKINS