

# Cassidy seeks a "divorce"

David Cassidy's show "The Partridge Family," has slipped so far down the American ratings that it has now been slotted opposite "All in the Family" which it hasn't a chance of beating.

"It was a wonderful experience," Cassidy said.

"But it's been hard for me to slip into that Keith Partridge suit lately. Contractually, I couldn't leave the show. It's been like being divorced but still living with your wife."

Like the Osmonds, David Cassidy is finding that as his American audience cools off, Great Britain, Japan, Germany and New Zealand, sales are starting to climb.

There are David Cassidy T-shirts and Donny Osmond posters prominently displayed in stores all over the world.

Like the Osmonds, Cassidy's latest record, "Dreams are Nothing more than Wishes," is a personal statement. It is also not a

runaway hit.

Now that it's almost over, David can look back on his years as a teen idol with a philosophical reflection.

"I don't want to put anybody down — there are worse things.

"But what they do is, they think they can make anybody a star. It's all contrived.

"Nobody's that wonderful. There are positive things in the whole routine, wish fulfillment and things like that.

"But it's all basically dishonest. When you get right down to it, it's a money-making proposition.

"It could be done tastefully, not icky.

"They underestimate the kids — you can hype them just so far.

"My advice for the next teen idol is to approach the whole thing with a sense of humour.

"You've got to maintain your self-respect and draw lines. Otherwise they'll own you."