

## David Cassidy's mother fights back

“HE’S MY SON.”

**T**o the outside world, David Cassidy must seem like the young man who has absolutely everything. His sensational good looks, his hit records and, most of all, his smash TV show, “The Partridge Family,” have combined to make him the idol of the nation’s youth. Just one short year—that’s all—has brought him phenomenal success, wealth—and the very worst conflict of his young and difficult life. For David’s very success has placed him in a position where he must be torn between the two women who mean the most to him in this world—his real mother, Evelyn Ward, and his step-mother, Shirley Jones.

Not that the conflict exists in David’s heart, where he has room enough for two very big and very different loves.

As he puts it, “I adore Shirley and we get along beautifully on camera and off. But I still remember that my mother is back East, and nobody is ever going to take her place just like nobody

