

DAVID CASSIDY

"I think I love you, I think I love you." Those were the words heard loud and clear when David Cassidy sang them at the San Diego Convention Center, and while David looked and sang in his best form ever, with thousands of girls deliriously screaming themselves into frenzies of delight over him, he must have found it hard to concentrate solely on his performance. For this was the night when the two women he loved best were finally to come face to face. Yes, Evelyn Ward, David's real mother, and Shirley Jones, David's stepmother, were both expected to be sitting ringside at David's San Diego appearance.

Those close to David knew this evening was going to be a rough one. It seemed for the first time in his life David Cassidy was afraid—afraid that he wouldn't know how to handle this delicate situation.

"On the entire trip down to San Diego he just wasn't himself," said one of the boys in his musical group. David knew he was going to encounter something that was very important to him—two women whom he loved dearly were about to say, "Hello." Who would take it from there? Could they handle it? Could he handle it?

The fear was mounting in David's mind when he reached his hotel and the desk clerk told him he had a long-distance call for him. The message read, "Mrs. Jack Cassidy called from Beverly Hills. Please return the call." David was confused, since Shirley was to be in San Diego soon, (Please turn to page 76)

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