



Jack Cassidy preferred Shirley to David's real mom.

ambitions in order to be as good a mother as possible to her little boy.

David's sure that if it weren't for his mother's devotion to him, she would be a big star today. He explains, "You might say that in opening up my world, she closed down her own world. Because at that time she had found quite a lot of success on Broadway, for the first time, replacing Gwen Verdon as the star of *New Girl In Town*, and she left for my sake.

"My mother didn't really have too much money, and it was very hard for us to get by in Los Angeles. We found a house, but she couldn't get a job for a while. When you leave New York to come out here, you find you don't know anybody. The (Continued on page 62)