

David Cassidy had gotten sick and tired of hearing about Shirley Jones as if she were his real mother. He was fed up with all the stories about Shirley and him, and he thought it was about time people began to remember that Evelyn Ward was his real mother, not Shirley Jones!

During an interview, he suddenly blurted out, "My own mother has gone unmentioned in the publicity about our show and about me and people are beginning to think that Shirley is really my mother. Well, she's not, and I don't want my real mother shoved aside because of Shirley. My own mother is not in the limelight like Shirley and my father, and because of that she's been forgotten. I've been quiet long enough but now I'll talk."

And talk he did! David was quite upset with the way Shirley Jones was getting all the credit for his talents.

As he spoke it was clear that David felt, for his real mother, more than just a little jealousy at Shirley picking up all the credit.

"People seem to think it's more interesting to write about Shirley and me, and how Shirley supposedly brought me up. And that bothers me, because it's my mother who brought me up, and she's not getting the credit for it. It makes me sad, because I'm about the only thing she has. I'm all she has in the world.

"I wish you would let people know how much she has done for me," David has told interviewers. "She's really responsible for any success I have, and for the kind of person I am. More than anybody else, she molded me. She was the biggest influence on me."

"And that's not all. She

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