

# SHIRLEY JONES LAUGHS ALL THE WAY TO THE DIVORCE COURT!

- HOW DAVID GIVES HER MORE LOVE THAN HER HUSBAND
- WHAT MADE HER FINALLY LET OTHER WOMEN HAVE JACK

To give up a marriage—especially when you have spent years working to save that union—is a tremendously difficult decision. There is a very thin line between a marriage with problems that can be worked out, with time and patience, and a marriage that won't make it. Shirley Jones has been living on that line for some time now. And it looks as if she's decided to cross over it and file for divorce from her husband, Jack Cassidy.

That there was trouble in the Jones—Cassidy merger became evident almost two years ago when the two separated. They were back to their usual public billing and cooing within a matter of days—hours really—but by then it was too late to stop the whispers. Everyone knew that Jack's and Shirley's marriage wasn't all they pretended it was.

But Shirley loved Jack, and she was willing to fight to save the good things they had, in spite of all the bad things she could no longer pretend didn't exist. Since their brief separation and subsequent rapid reconciliation, Jack and Shirley changed their style. They still went out together, but Shirley seemed less the devoted wife and more the independent woman than she once did. Jack was frequently seen in public with other women—while Shirley remained mum on the subject—until the recent announcement that they would divorce.

What Shirley is all too willing to talk about is her stepson, David Cassidy, and her career. And for good reason, too. Though her marriage might be on the way out, her career and her relationship with David have reached new highs.

David was still a child when Jack married Shirley. He was living with his real mother, actress Evelyn Ward, when he heard the news from Jack. **/continued on page 50**



Shirley and David know they can count on each other for a lot of things—they've become very, very close.



Rumors of Jack's infidelity are not new. Shirley just doesn't want to listen anymore.