

Cassidys Decide Not To Split

NEW YORK — Shirley Jones and her husband Jack Cassidy separated the other day . . . he moved out to a hotel . . . they prepared an announcement of a trial separation . . . they spent a night apart facing singlehood . . . they felt miserable . . . they had a long talk . . . he decided to move back home . . . they tried to cancel the separation announcement . . . and phone everybody they'd told they were splitting up—to tell them they WEREN'T splitting up . . . but it may have been too late . . . because the announcement was already in type . . . but Jack was due back home husband-like and everything . . . and if you're confused . . . how about me . . . and also how about THEM?

"Yes, it's true we're separated . . . I'm sorry, too . . . there's no anger," blond, beautiful Shirley, mother of three, married to Jack for 14 years, told me from Beverly Hills midafternoon.



THREE HOURS LATER, same day, Jack's on the phone:

"I'm now pleased to tell you it isn't going to happen . . . Moving back . . . We both love each other . . . I slept badly . . . so did she . . . one day was like six for me . . . we're going to get a third party to help us . . . well, I've got to rush over to see Shirley . . . and get a hold of that publicist who was going to release that announcement . . . and make up a new announcement . . ."

Jack's son, David Cassidy, 20, and his stepmother Shirley have the No. 1 record in the country from the Partridge Family TV show. The title is "I Think I Love You."

