

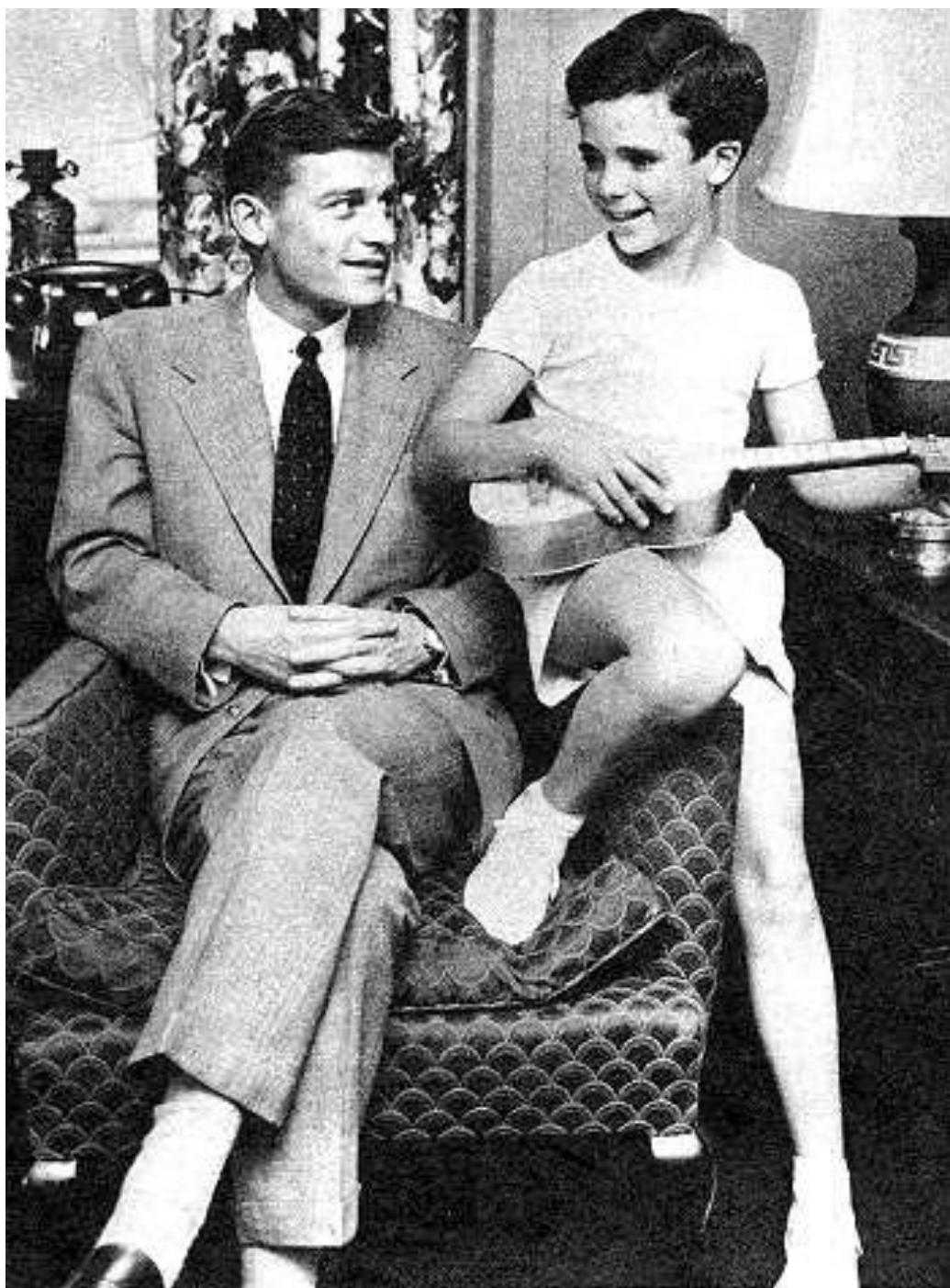
Michel Ray

Titles: 5 Sources: 2 Stills: 7

Born: Michel Ray Popper; Gerrards Cross, London; July 21st 1944



Source: indeterminate website



Above and overleaf – somewhat optimistically as it turned out – the studio arrange an informal meeting between hopeful British boy star Michel and his illustrious forebear Roddy McDowall, though if anything he resembles a 1950s Freddie Bartholomew, another British emigré.
Source: a Roddy McDowall memorial website

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

“Michel Ray Popper was his full name. His father was a London company director, and his mother had studied singing and drama in Vienna. Michel spoke French and German as well as English, and went to the Lycée Française in London. His languages, plus some skill in ski-ing, won him a central role in

“**THE DIVIDED HEART**“, as a war orphan with German foster-parents. This in turn led to his being spotted by RKO scouts for the lead in “**THE BRAVE ONE**“, as a little Mexican with a little bull, and the remainder of his leads were in the States.

With his dark, curly hair and wide-set blue eyes, Michel was a picturesque child in his

natural state. This was not enough for his Hollywood masters, who sometimes gilded the lily till he looked like a male Elizabeth Taylor.

After a four-year lay-off, Ray returned to British films for one more “tinted” role, in **“LAWRENCE OF ARABIA”** (62).”

Spurious “from his own lips” article in **The New Film Show Annual (c1956)** – “Boy’s Eye View of Hollywood”:

“Young Michel has gone a long way since that day he left his London home for sun-drenched Hollywood. With two movies to his credit and a host of new friends, he will always have warm memories of his early days before the camera.

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb 54	10	THE DIVIDED HEART with <i>Martin [Stephens] Keller, Krystyna Rumistrzewicz, Mark Gliebhard; Gilgi Hauser Maria Leontovitsch</i>	as Hans / Iwan, 10
56	12	THE BRAVE ONE	in central role
57	13	THE TIN STAR	
57		FLOOD TIDE	
58	14	THE SPACE CHILDREN	
62	18	LAWRENCE OF ARABIA with <i>John Dimech</i>	as Daoud