

Phil/Roger Meets and Shakes Hands with President Harry S. Truman

Fairmont Hotel
San Francisco, California
October 17, 1950



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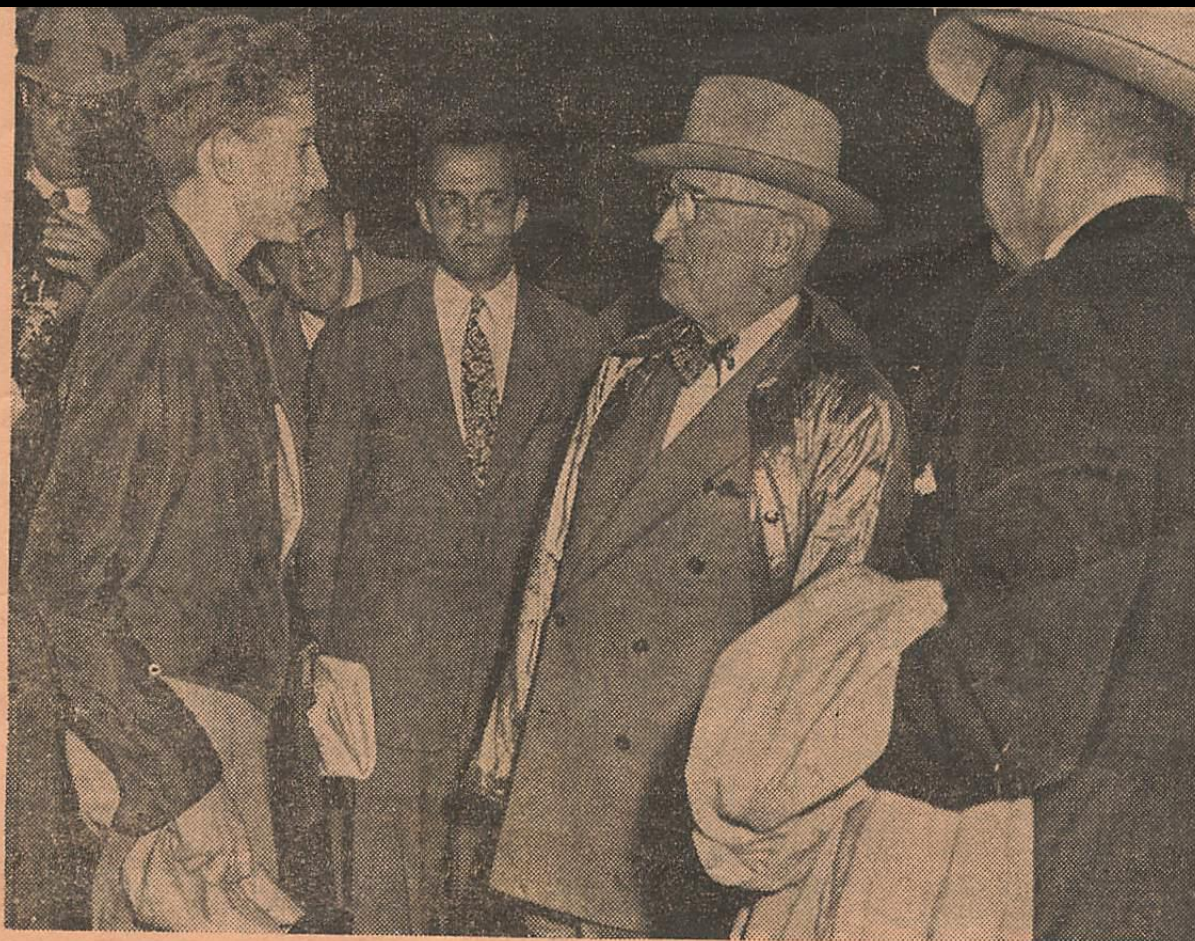
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One of Phil's/Roger's fondest memories was meeting and shaking hands with President Harry S. Truman at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on October 17, 1950. President Truman was just returning from his Wake Island conference with General Douglas MacArthur. This cherished encounter was published in the San Francisco Call-Bulletin newspaper, picked up by the wire services and circulated nationwide. Below is a scan of the original newspaper clipping as well as the press photograph, followed by some of the many newspaper publications.

Scan of Original Clipping Published in the
San Francisco Call-Bulletin Newspaper
October 17, 1950



Roger Loyd, Lowell High sophomore, chats with President Truman during latter's walk here today. Roger said his dad thought he might have been his classmate at Cape Girardeau, Mo., but President said he went to school in Independence.

—Call-Bulletin Photograph.

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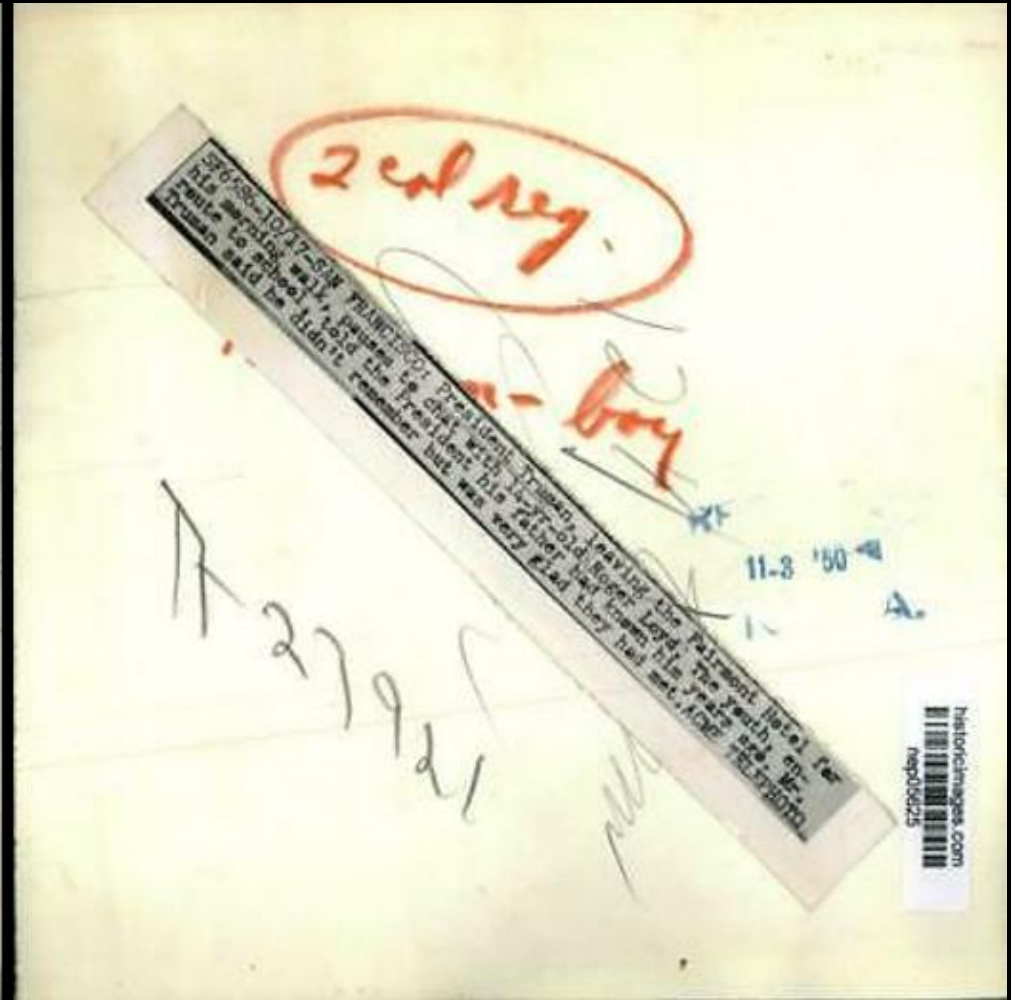
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Truman Walks Up And Down Hills In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)—President Truman went walking in the rain up and down San Francisco's hills this morning.

The president set a lively pace for the four secret service men and photographers who accompanied him.

He came out of the Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill and was driven about six blocks to Van Ness Ave., known as "Auto Row." Then he alighted from his car and walked up and down Van Ness Avenue.

There were not many persons on the Avenue, but President Truman doffed his hat to women and waved to persons who hollered "Hey, Harry" to him.

He wore a transparent rain slicker, a brown suit and a clean gray hat which got somewhat damp. He also carried a walking stick which he swung vigorously.

Then he walked rapidly up one hill and down another on his way back to his hotel. Those with the president had a hard time keeping up with his brisk pace.

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The president left his hotel at 6:55 a. m. PST and returned at 7:20 a. m.

Los Angeles Evening Citizen News
Hollywood, California
October 17, 1950



TRUMAN CHATS WITH SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL-BOY Acme telephoto

Leaving the Fairmont Hotel for his morning walk, President Truman is greeted by Roger Loyd, 14, who told

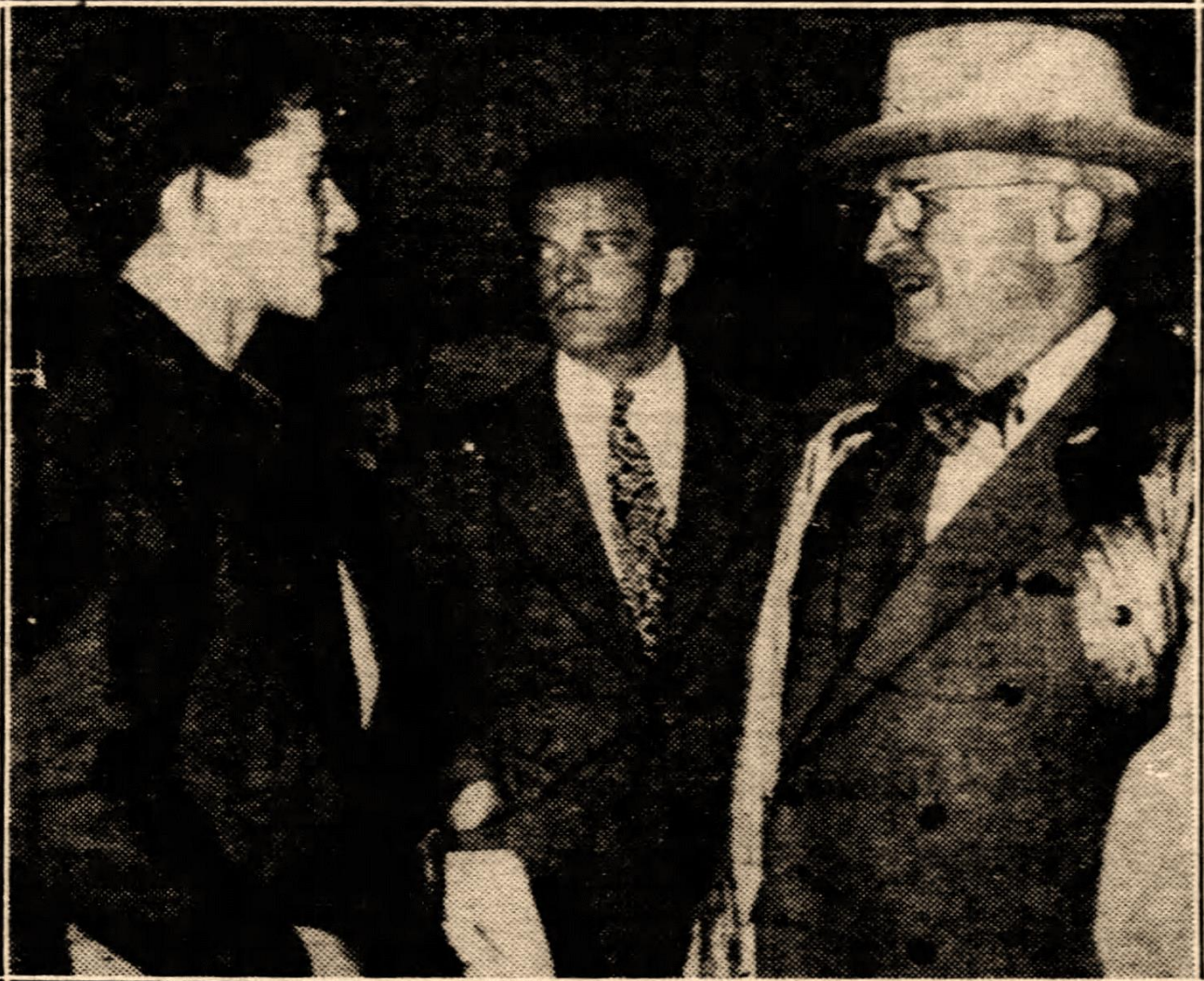
the President his father had known him years ago. Mr. Truman didn't remember but was "glad they had met."

Millville Daily Republican | Millville, New Jersey
October 18, 1950



SIDEWALK CHAT — President Truman, taking his morning walk in San Francisco, stops for a chat with 14-year-old Roger Loyd. Truman stopped in the California city after returning from his Wake Island conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Daily News | New York, New York
October 18, 1950

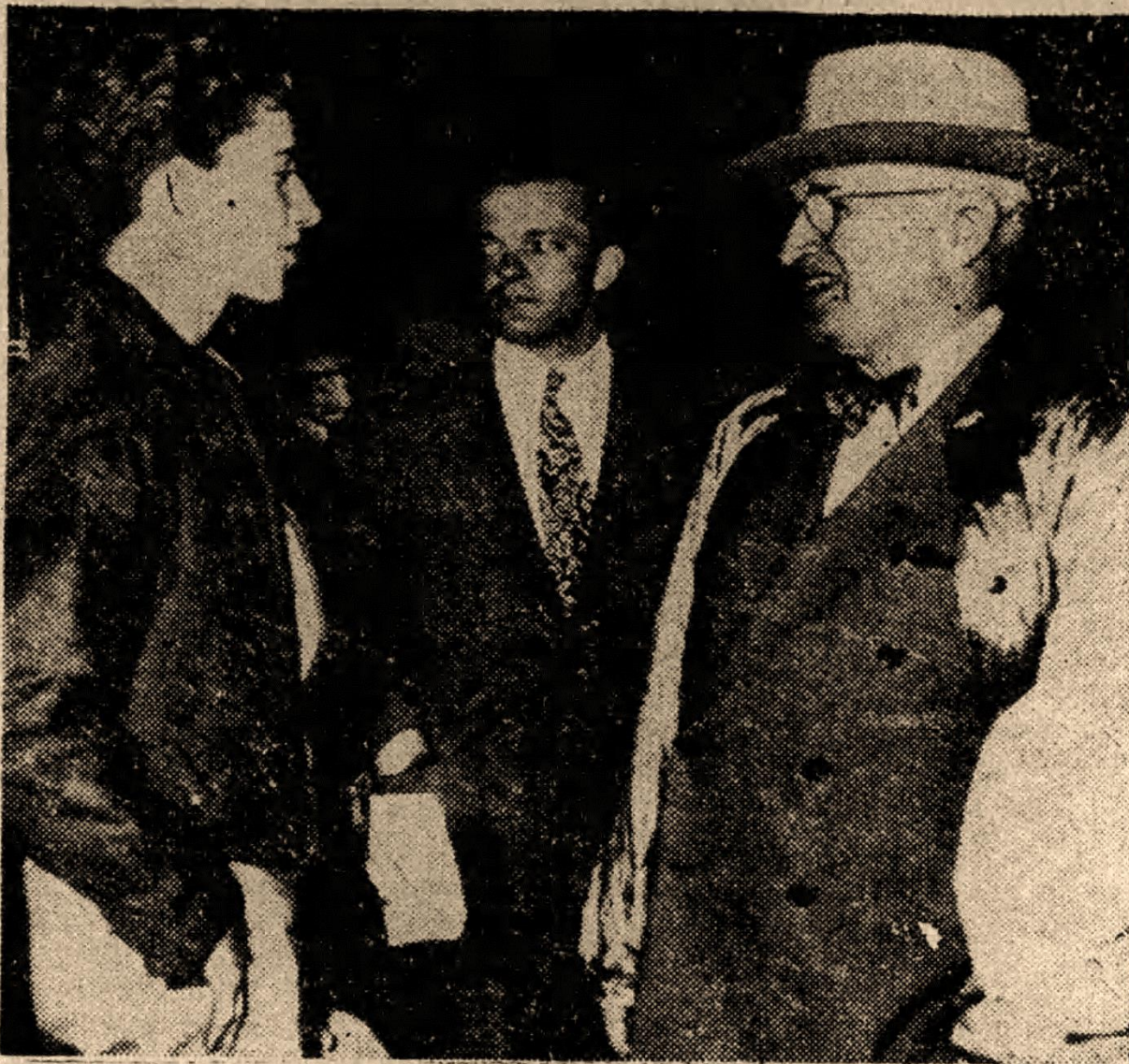


(Acme Telefoto)

President Truman, leaving his San Francisco hotel for a walk yesterday, chats with 14-year-old Roger Loyd, on his way to school.



YOUTHFUL ADMIRER—President Harry S. Truman, leaving the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco for his usual morning walk, stops to chat with 14-year-old Roger Loyd (left). The youth, en route to school, told the president his father knew him years ago. Mr. Truman said he didn't remember but was very glad they met.



BACK FROM ISLAND MEETING—President Truman, out for his usual morning walk in San Francisco after his return from meeting General MacArthur at Wake Island, paused to chat with 14-year-old Roger Loyd. The youth, enroute to school, told the President his father had known him years before. Mr. Truman said he didn't remember but was very glad they had met.

The Tribune | Coshocton, Ohio
October 22, 1950



WALKIE TALKIE—Leaving the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, President Truman, taking his early morning walk, pauses to talk with 14-year-old Roger Loyd. Roger, enroute to school, told the President that his father had known Mr. Truman years ago. The President said he didn't remember the youth's father, but he was very glad to have met the son that morning.



TALK MAN TO MAN—President Truman, leaving the Fairmont Hotel for a morning walk while in San Francisco, pauses to talk with a 14-year-old schoolboy, Roger Loyd. The youth talked right up to the President while a Secret Service man watched—clutching a pistol in his coat pocket. The boy, en route to school, told the President his father had known Mr. Truman years ago. Mr. Truman said he didn't remember but was very glad they had met.