

Major, Gabriel

Merchant Seaman Goes Back To Duty—Pet Monkey Stays

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Gabriel Major, U. S. Merchant Marine, has grudgingly left his pet monkey "Jocko" at his home, 335 Wyandotte Street, and started off on a new assignment after spending a month's leave here with his mother, Mrs. Michael Major.

A veteran of South Pacific voyages, Major has been in ports along the coast of Australia, North Africa and India—where he purchased little "Jocko", then two months old, from the natives.

When taken aboard ship the Merchant Marines became very attached to the monkey and fed it religiously with an eye dropper until it was old enough to eat wholesome food. Now it thrives on evrything that

can be consumed, his favorite meals consisting of grapes, grains of wheat, oranges, raw onions, dried split peas, raw carrots, celery and prunes.

Unaccustomed to this climate, "Jocko" can be seen in a size one baby's undershirt, swinging on ropes, doorknobs or any available ledge.

Along with the monkey, Gabriel brought a beautiful hand carved jewelry case, and a good luck ring that was given him by a Hindu who had worn it for many years, for a "safe journey home."

Before leaving Bethlehem, Major was entertained at various dinner parties at which a few out of town guests were present.

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