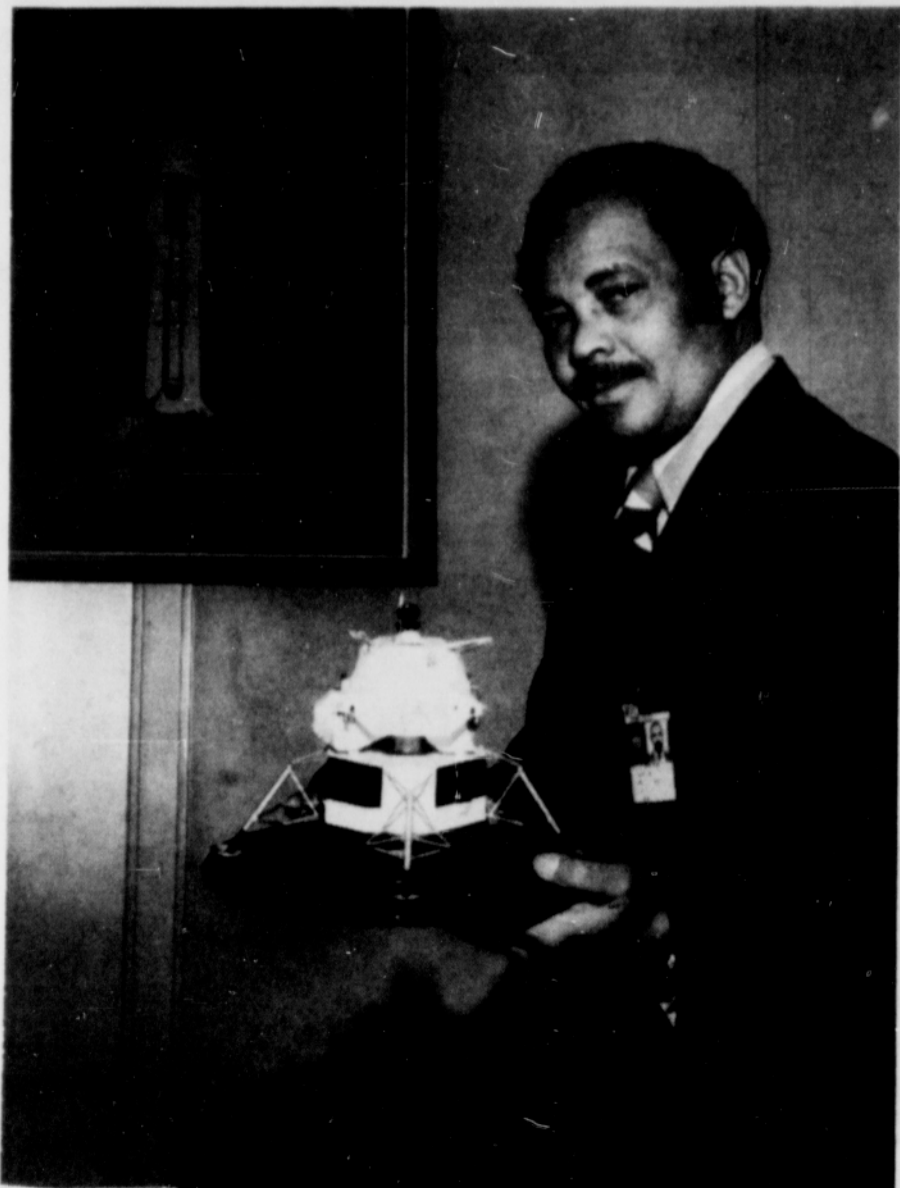


Black electronics technician test operations manager



From the grime and sweat of a ship's engine room to the knowledge required to develop and land a ship on the moon is one man's way of taking a leap for mankind. Naval Reservist Senior Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Bob Hodge made that leap.

Today, employed by the Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Bob Hodge directly applies the knowledge he obtained to get transferred from the engine room of a small destroyer escort during the Korean War, to the equipment that is known the world over as LM, the lunar module. Hodge is an Assistant Space Craft Team Manager, responsible for test operations on LM 12 which is being built at the Bethpage, NY, plant.

It is with justifiable pride that Hodge is able to say his work on LM 7, which was carried on Apollo 13, earned for Grumman the unofficial title of builder of the first space rescue ship. After the explosion in the command service module of Apollo 13, the LM was activated and its life-support and electrical supply enabled the three astronauts to return to earth.

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"According to a National Education Association report last May, New Jersey is the only state which by statute forbids corporal punishment in all schools, public and private. In about one fourth of the states, laws expressly allow teachers to administer reasonable corporal punishment and eight of those states have enacted such provisions since 1958. Where there is no clear ruling, teachers administering physical punishment in a proper manner are protected by school laws or penal codes. All states do have laws prohibiting cruelty to children, such as whipping. Fear of the rod as an instrument of student discipline can be traced to the Puritan beginnings of American education. Then fear was believed to be the only force capable of instilling proper obedience in pupils. Although few would take such a hard line today, it appears, that at least in principle, 'spare the rod, spoil the child' dies hard in America."

Whitney Young Jr. still lives

By Jackie Robinson

"Imagine being born into a family in humble circumstances. You grow up, helping to support yourself and get a college education. You work as a bellhop and in other minor jobs. You do very well in your schoolwork. You remain clean in your personal life. You marry a lovely girl and begin to build a family. You struggle hard until you are on your way to becoming important in your profession."

You become a distinguished educator, lecturer and social worker. You are called upon to head a very influential organization dedicated to seeking meaningful employment and respect for black people -- The National Urban League.

You initiate creative and bold programs which result in many thousands of jobs for your people. You have a winning way with industrial princes and lords of industry. You know how to get into board rooms and under their skins. You know how to tell them disagreeable facts about the life of blacks and about white discrimination without alienating them. You do not wear dashikis or scream angry slogans or give fancy handshakes or suggest that your people participate in the haki-kari of race violence. You do a marvelous job of helping people and a brave job of weathering criticism from whites who call you too militant and blacks who call you 'Tom.'

Popes and presidents respect you. But so do thousands upon whose tables you have placed a little better loaf of bread.

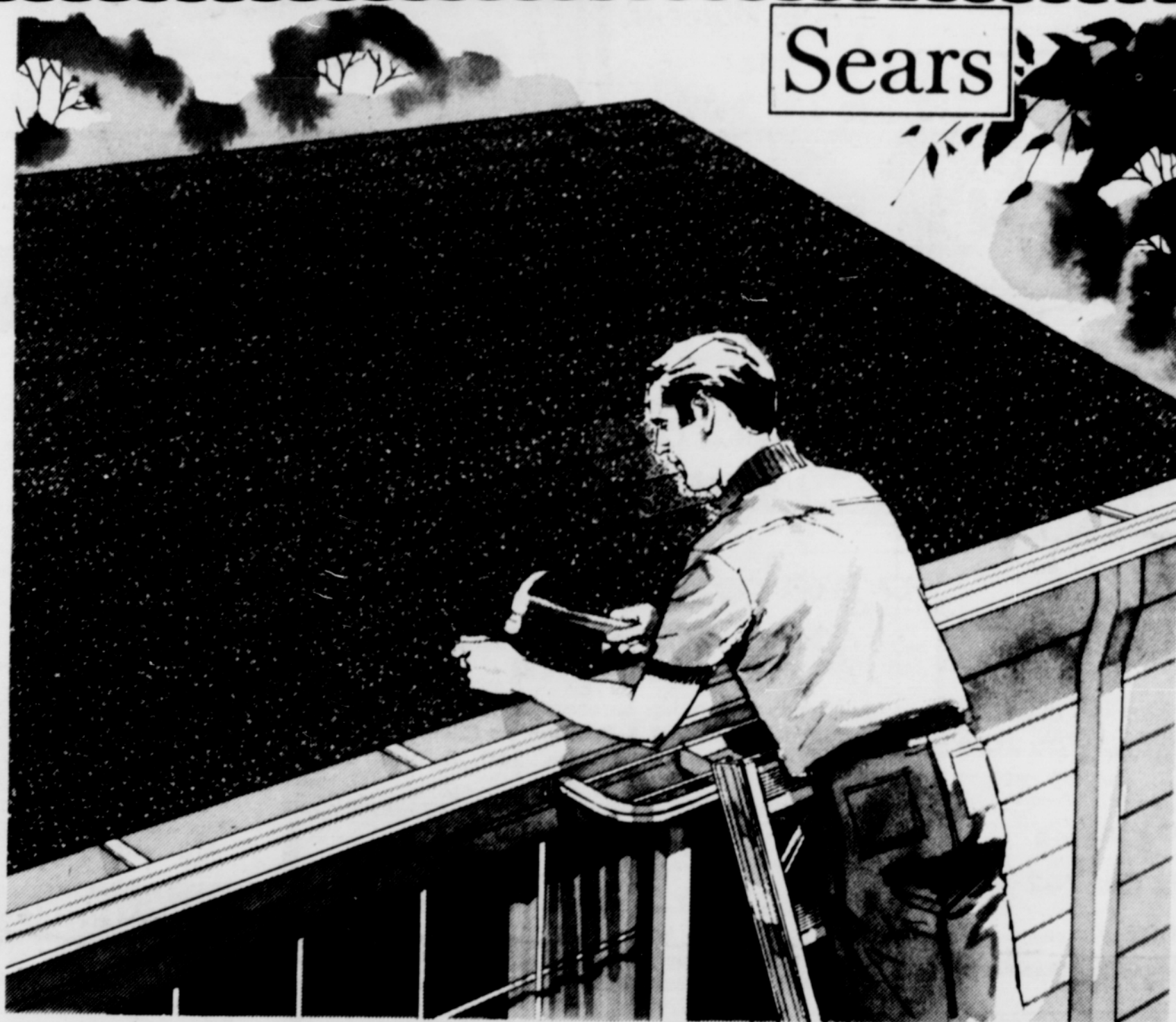
One day in Nigeria, there seeking to help bring about progress for people of the world you get caught up in rushing waters and you die.

A world stands still for a moment of shock. Then come the statements, the telegrams, the messages. Your death, before you reached fifty, is internationally headlined. The bosses of corporations and outstanding legislators and just plain people file past your remains in one African and two United States cities. The President of the United States comes personally to your funeral and himself delivers the eulogy. A bugler blows taps to the sky. An American flag is at half-mast many places in the world. And you Whitney Young Jr., who lived up to every principle which our society says is noble, you, the highest apostle of equality in the land--are buried in your home town in a Jim Crow Grave.

It is as though, after all you had accomplished, your country had said to you, 'You were indeed a marvelous man. But remember even you are just another nigger.'

The moment of truth is here. We must ask the marching bands to hush for a minute and the murmur of pledges of allegiance to be still long enough and the emotion of the salute to flags be slowed down long enough so that we can hear the truth the black man is saying today, the truth that many black men are thinking and do not say aloud. They are thinking along with our late and lyric poet Langston Hughes 'America never was America for me and yet I swear, America will be.'

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