

## Terror at Tenerife

Everyone Was Burning to Death Around Him,  
Yet He Was Protected

Norman Williams admits he was a wayward Christian — at least before he found himself walled in by flames scorching everyone around him. He was one of the few people to survive the Canary Island crash of two jumbo jets in 1979 in which six hundred died.

Amidst the chaos of the burning aircraft, Williams' head cleared and Bible verses he didn't realize he even knew came to mind. Above the screaming and cursing from burning people which filled the air, Williams shouted: "I stand upon THE WORD." Later from his hospital bed, Williams promised God he would tell his story to anybody who would listen.

Since then, Williams has traveled over 300,000 miles testifying to God's presence in his life to all who would hear. He will be sharing his story with us in San Francisco at our annual Christian Prayer Breakfast at the San Francisco Hilton on Friday, January 31, 1986. Coffee and rolls will be served at 6:30 a.m. with the program from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the breakfast is to seek God's blessing on the Conference, its affairs, our membership, our directors, our staff, our Nation, and to share God's love. Everyone is welcome.

At his moment of trauma, Norman Williams found Christ at the center of his life. But we don't have to wait for trauma. Christ stands just outside the center of our lives waiting for us to invite him in. If you want to know Christ better, take this opportunity and join us.

## New Association to Strengthen Turf Equipment Distributors

A new trade association has been formed to fill a void in the commercial turfgrass industry, according to its board of directors.

Named the National Equipment Distributors Association (NEDA), membership now totals nearly 40 old-line, primarily equipment distributors from throughout the U.S. and Canada, that serve golf courses, parks, cemeteries and other grounds operations in the 10 to 1000-acre size range.

"We've come together to address pressing concerns in these volatile times for our industry," said Robert G. Johnson, Chairman of the new association and President of Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc., Orland Park, IL.

He pointed to the very strong need indicated by members to share ideas on internal operations such as computer systems and employee compensation, better product and service marketing, and other techniques to improve business.

Other NEDA directors elected are David L. DeBra of DeBra Turf & Industrial Equipment Co., Hollywood, FL; M. Frank Higgins of Sawtelle Brothers, Inc., Swampscott, MA; Robert Henshaw of B. Hayman Company, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA; G. Daniel Boyd of Boyd Distributing Co., Inc., Denver, CO; Charles M. Bolt of Porter Brothers, Inc., Shelby, NC; and Harold L. Vogler of W. F. Miller Company, Birmingham, MI.

In addition to directors, DeBra was appointed Vice Chairman and Higgins named Secretary Treasurer.



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