

Ground blasted for Radisson

Ground was blasted Thursday for a Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield's Prudential Town Center.

Mayor Donald Fraucasi depressed a dynamite plunger, detonating 74 pyrotechnic devices outlining the circumference of the hotel. After the blast, 5,000 black and gold helium balloons were released.

The Radisson, to open in the fall of 1987, will be a 12-story, 295,000-square-foot hotel with 386 guest rooms. Hotel meeting facilities will include two ballrooms, a 75-seat tiered conference room, four boardrooms and three meeting rooms.

EXERCISE FACILITIES will include a swimming pool, whirlpool, exercise room, lockers, showers and a sauna.

The hotel will have a curved shape for maximum exposure and identity made of energy efficient bronze and gold reflective glass and brown-red brick. It will be on a 3.58-acre site at Prudential Town Center.

Architect Sikes Jennings Kelly is a

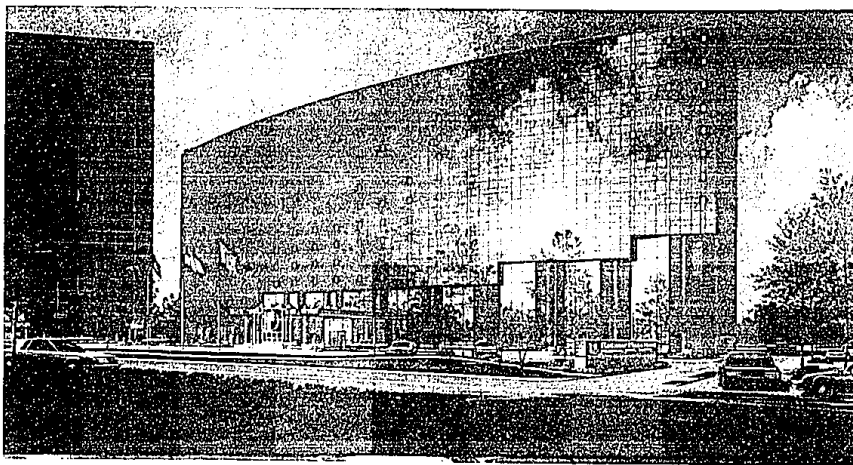
Houston-based nationally operating architectural and project consulting firm. To implement the plans, R.E. Daily & Co. of Detroit has been selected as general contractor for the hotel.

THE HOTEL will be operated by the Radisson Hotel Corp., part of the Hospitality Group of Minneapolis-based Carlson Co. Inc.

The hotel is owned by a partnership between Radisson and The Prudential Insurance Co. of America, the parent company of the Prudential Development Group.

Prudential Town Center is a 67-acre, multimillion-dollar complex of offices, shops, restaurants and apartments at Northwestern Highway and Evergreen.

CONSTRUCTION OF 2000 Town Center, a 28-story, 600,000-square-foot office building will be completed in July. Also proposed in the master plan are added retail space, another high-rise office building and a second high-rise residential tower.



The Radisson Hotel will rise 12 stories in the Town Center area along I-696 as it heads from Southfield into Farmington Hills.

Mike Ilitch will be honored

Michael Ilitch, Little Caesars Pizza chairman and Detroit Red Wings owner, will be inducted into the International Heritage Hall of Fame Thursday, May 8, at a dinner in Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Township.

The Friends of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit-sponsored event will begin with a 6:30 p.m. reception. Dinner will follow at 7:15. Tickets, at \$75 per person, are tax deductible. For reservations, call 871-8600.



Michael Ilitch

Others to be honored are Thomas

Angott, Detroit Pure Milk Co. president; Diane Edgecomb, Detroit Central Business District president; Marshall Fredericks, sculptor; and Michigan's Royal Danish Consul, and Helen Petruskas, Ford Motor Co. environmental and safety engineering vice president.

Each honoree will receive a glass sculpture. Ilitch, of Macedonian descent, also holds the assets of, and rights to, Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Arena and the Glen Falls (N.Y.) Civic Center.

Reared on Detroit's west side, he played all-city baseball at Cooley High School. He signed with the Detroit Tigers after a four-year stint in the Marine Corps.

ILITCH HAS been involved in several humanitarian projects in

the Detroit area and nationwide, sponsoring sports teams and leagues, and aiding Detroit's Macedonian community.

He was president of the church committee and is an active member of the board of trustees of St. Clements Ohridski Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church. He was instrumental in raising funds for the church's iconostas screen of 56 icons.

Ilitch also sponsored the call of the Rev. Panayot Pamulov, in 1988, from Bulgaria to head the church. Other community involvement includes serving as chairman of the Central Business District Association downtown lighting committee.

Farmington musicales to perform

The Tel-Twelve Mall, in honor of National Music Week, will host the Birmingham and Farmington Musicales, who will sponsor afternoon and evening concerts during the week of May 4-11.

The concerts are open to the public free and will take place in the mall's Centre Court.

Theme of the 63rd Annual Observance of National Music Week is, "Music — For Mankind's Important Moments." The nationwide

event has been endorsed by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

THE CONCERTS will include vocal and instrumental groups from the Metropolitan Detroit area, who will present musical shows that range from popular to classical. The concert schedule is:

• Wednesday — 1 p.m. Maple Choral and Men's Vocal Society of Seaholm High School; 7:30 p.m. Wolverine Chorus of Oakland County of SPEBSQSA.

• Thursday — 1 p.m. Evergreen Chorus and The Groves High School Singers; 7:30 p.m. The "Jills" of Andover High School.

• Friday — 1 p.m. The Knight Singers and Knights Men of Lahser High School; 4 p.m. The Seaholm High School Band; 7:30 p.m. The West Hills Jr. High Singers and Jazz Rock Ensemble.

• Saturday — 1 p.m. Metropolitan String Orchestra; 4 p.m. Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

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